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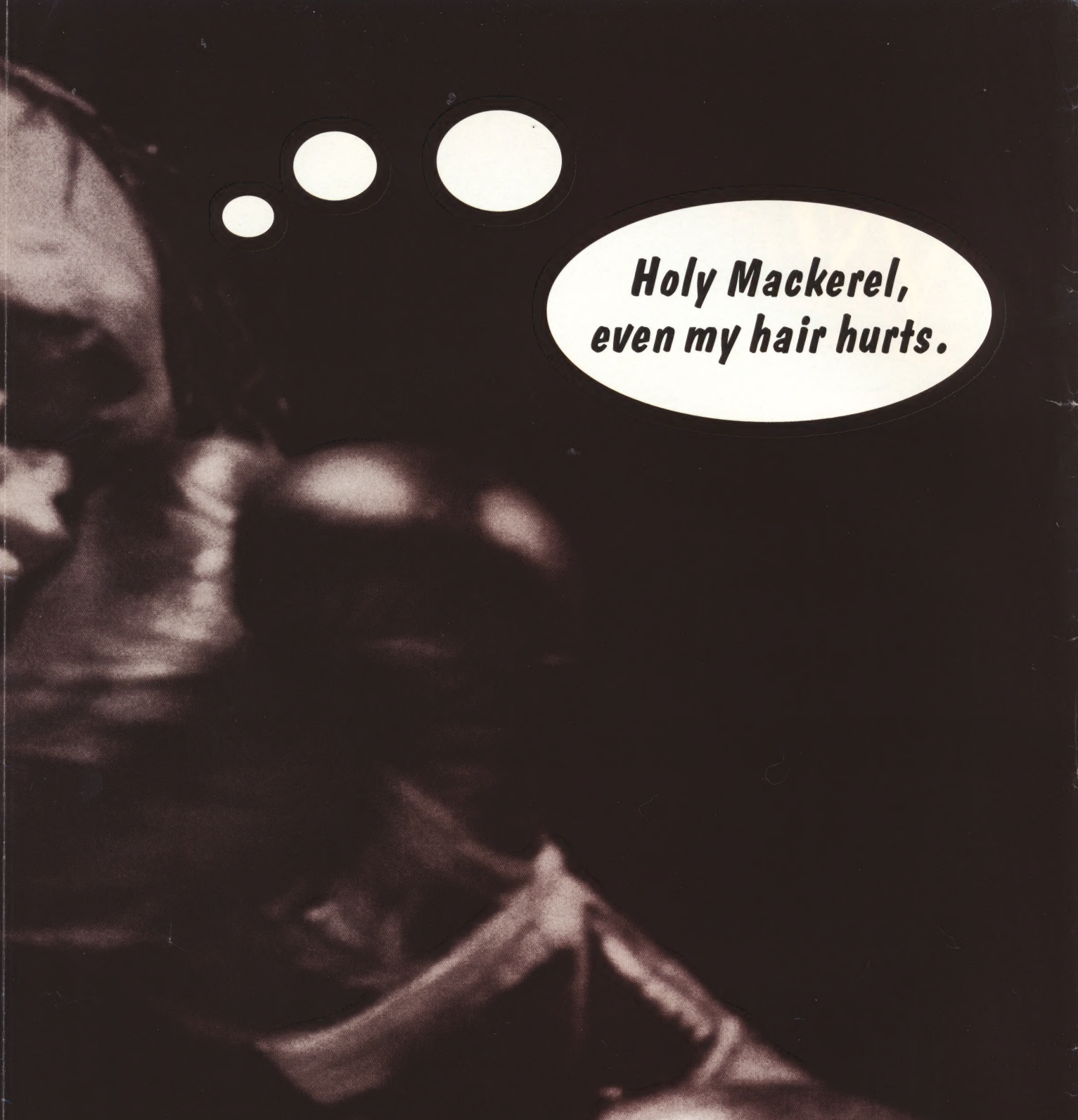


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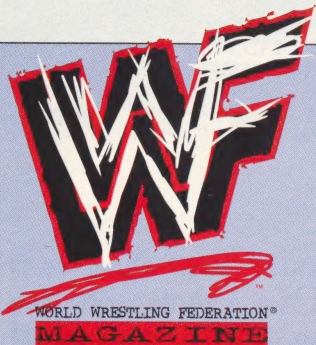
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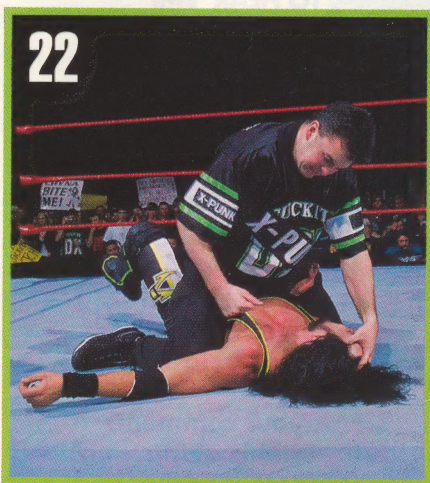
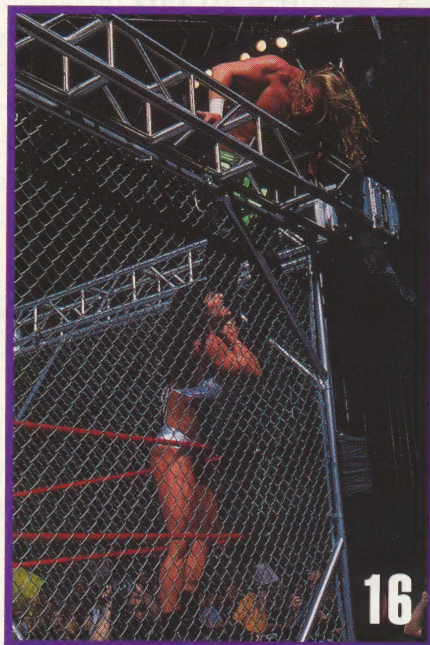
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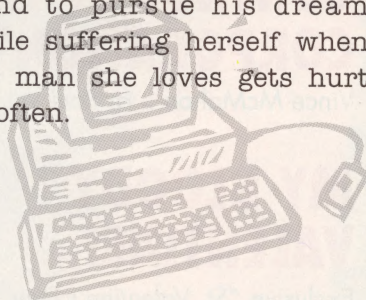
Dear Editor,

I just finished reading the "Culmination of a Dream" article in the March issue of World Wrestling Federation Magazine and I thought it was very cool how you not only explained Mick Foley's wrestling background, but his family as well. I think you should even do that with guys like Road Dogg or X-Pac even if they win a title. It really shows the readers how their families feel about it.

Alex Herdeman
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Dear Alex,

Families of athletes who make their living in the squared circle too long were never talked about. But they are such a part of who the Federation Superstars are that we must do more to tell the stories of the people behind the stars. Often, as in Mick Foley's case, a woman like Collette is in many ways a star for allowing her husband to pursue his dream while suffering herself when the man she loves gets hurt so often.



Letter

Dear Editor,

I just read the March issue of the World Wrestling Federation Magazine, and I really enjoyed "Rookies To Legends" on Duane Gill. I have one question for you, though. Why is it that he doesn't defend the Light Heavyweight Title anymore? Is it because he's so wrapped up in the whole Gillberg attitude? Don't get me wrong—I love Gillberg, but he should still put his money where his mouth is!

Jeremy Stokes
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Jeremy,

As Gillberg, Duane sees himself as invincible and only faces heavyweights or men who can't hold the light heavyweight title. Perhaps he is using the Gillberg persona as a shield in the hope of keeping the gold a little longer. I don't think Federation officials have noticed the lack of title defenses because they are probably laughing too hard at the inept Gillberg.

E-mail

Dear Editor,

I just finished reading the article about the Big Boss Man in the March issue of World Wrestling Federation Magazine. The article stated

that Boss Man might take out the owner's son, Shane McMahon, if he gets too cocky. Why would the Big Boss Man do that if he knew Vince would fire him or have Team Corporate dismantle him on the spot?

Matthew Taggett

Xpac_tripleh_chyna@yahoo.com

Dear Matthew,

It is a well-known fact that the Big Boss Man has zero tolerance for people and especially those he perceives to be cocky and arrogant. Those two qualities permeate Shane's skin like sweat on a hot day. When the law man's fuse burns down to the base, don't be shocked if he severs his corporate ties and then looks to sever Shane's head from his shoulders.

E-mail

Dear Editor,

I was reading the March issue of World Wrestling Federation Magazine, and I had a question about the Rock Bottom Pay-Per-View results—particularly the Jeff Jarrett vs. Goldust match. At the end of the article it said that the Blue Blazer came out to cover up Debra. A few weeks later there was another Blazer, but this time it wasn't Owen or Jeff! How many Blazers are there? When will we finally

find out who is under the mask?

"Kristopher"

DX22342329

Dear "Kristopher",

Don't be coy! You know good and well that you are the Blue Blazer. Then again, so am I. We're all the Blue Blazer because there is a little bit of him in all of us.

Letter

Dear Editor,

I just finished reading the article "Rivalry For The Ages" in the March issue of World Wrestling Federation Magazine, and I think the Stone Cold vs. The Rock rivalry can be one of the most electrifying and brutal rivalries in the history of the sport. Both athletes are young and hungry, but I think Austin has the edge on his foe. In your opinion, what do you think was the biggest rivalry in wrestling? What was the Austin vs. The Rock of your generation?

"Danny O"

New York, New York

Dear "Danny O",

I feel the biggest rivalry in wrestling is the battle between the World Wrestling Federation and that little company down South. As far as one-on-one matches—

the Undertaker and Kane, Mankind and The Rock, as well as Mr. McMahon vs. Stone Cold are the biggest right now. Five years from now, everyone will be talking about The Rock and Austin as the greatest of all time.

E-mail

Dear Editor,

I have just been reading the March issue of World Wrestling Federation Magazine and "The Original Oddity Returns." Could former wrestlers flourish once more with the new World Wrestling Federation "Attitude"? If George Steele can still entertain us, why can't other past favorites as well?

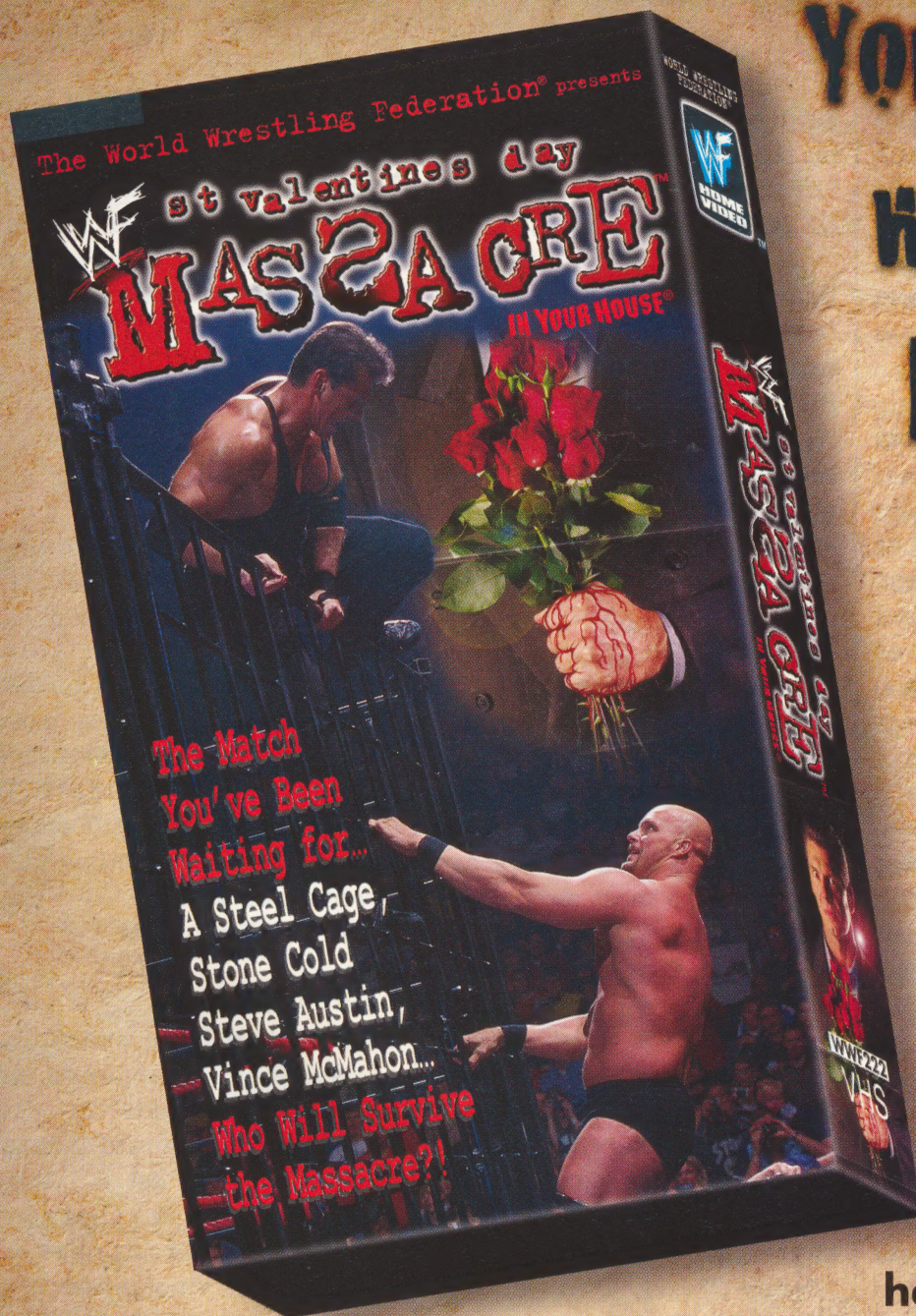
Austin023@AOL.COM

Dear "Austin023",

I think the best examples of successful legends in the era of "Attitude" are Pat Patterson and Gerald Brisco. They not only "get it," they live it! I think that the "stooges" need stooges of their own! Any volunteers?



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TALES FROM THE TURNBUCKLE

FEDERATION CHAIRMAN... THE UNDERTAKER?

For well over a year, the World Wrestling Federation owner has been consumed with one thing—eliminating Stone Cold Steve Austin from the Federation ranks. Mr. McMahon has been so obsessed with achieving his goal that he has completely ignored the dark cloud, in the form of the Ministry of Darkness, casting a shadow over his company.

In recent months, the Undertaker has been building his army for what many have concluded is to be the ultimate battle of "Good vs. Evil." The Acolytes, the Brood, Midian and Viscera have all joined the demonic ranks—doing whatever bidding the Phenom required. When the group abducted the Big Boss Man at "St. Valentine's Day Massacre," their macabre plan began to unfold. The following night on RAW, the Undertaker made a dark prediction to the owner... the Federation would soon belong to the Ministry!

"McMahon, in time your Federation will belong to me. One by one, they will all fall to my Ministry," the Undertaker prophesied.

"I'm sure you're asking yourself how I can be so confident? How can I succeed where others have failed? It's simple—I own the key to your heart and soul!"

During the Lord of Darkness's revelation, a recent victim of the Ministry—the Big Boss Man—appeared at the top of the ramp and challenged his newfound enemies to a six-man match. As it turned out, Boss Man, Ken Shamrock and Test were pitted against the Acolytes and Midian. Just when the battle appeared to be out of control, the lights went out and the Undertaker appeared with Shane McMahon in his grasp!

Forcing the owner's son to his knees in terror, the Phenom commanded, "Boy, give this to your father and tell him it comes from the Lord of Darkness," as he produced papers from his robe.

Thanks to a wall of Ministry members at the bottom of the ramp, Team Corporate was unable to get to Shane's rescue. Fearing for his welfare, the newly crowned European Champion scurried back to the security of the locker room area. By the Undertaker's own admission, there was a greater evil behind his that night. From what he stated on RAW, their actions are in the name of "a far greater power" than the Phenom himself! Who—or WHAT—is controlling the most demonic force ever in the Federation? For now... only the Undertaker knows that macabre mystery!



The Corporation Strikes Back!

One night after "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" during the live RAW from Birmingham, Alabama, this past February, Mr. McMahon's Team Corporate struck back at their enemies—making some major acquisitions in the form of gold in the process!

For example, 24 hours earlier at the Pay-Per-View, the corporate tandem of Kane and Chyna upended Triple H and X-Pac when the Ninth Wonder of the World got the pin on Triple H. When the DX army hit the ring in Birmingham, HHH wanted a rematch—but he was turned down by Shane McMahon! Instead, the heir apparent of the World Wrestling Federation directed his remarks to 'Pac, suggesting that the European Champion put his money where his mouth is by putting the title on the line against Kane and himself!

During the bout, Shane was being annihilated by X-Pac when the DX member went for his Bronco Buster. Unfortunately for the champion, the Big Red Machine caught him in midair and chokeslammed him down to the canvas. This drew the ire of Triple H, who immediately went after Kane on the floor... distracting the referee in the process. With total chaos erupting, Chyna seized an opportunity to grab the European gold from ringside and handed it to a nearly unconscious Shane. With his remaining strength, Shane clocked his nemesis for the victory, thereby becoming the new champion! The win marks the first time a

McMahon family member has held a title... afterward Shane celebrated the victory with a champagne party in the corporate locker room!

Later in the broadcast, the Federation Championship was up for grabs as Mankind defended the gold

against The Rock in a Ladder Match. Like their previous bouts, the two superstars went above and beyond acceptable limits of aggression, using the steel rungs, chairs and even tables to obliterate each other. In the final minutes of the bout, as both combatants reached the top of the ladder, it appeared Mick Foley had his foe beaten with 12 inches of Mr. Socko shoved down his throat. From the back, however, Paul Wight appeared and chokeslammed Mankind down on the back of his cranium into the canvas! Thanks to the interference, The Rock easily scaled the rest of the rungs for his third title reign!



A Stone Cold Tribute

This June 22, a magazine for devoted Stone Cold Steve Austin fans will be available at newsstands everywhere! The World Wrestling Federation publications staff is

pleased to announce that the Texas Rattlesnake will be the subject of a special limited edition magazine featuring everything from his early years to the era of "Austin 3:16"!

Dedicated readers of World Wrestling Federation publications probably remember our special issues entitled *Spotlight*, each highlighting a particular superstar's career. While the Stone Cold special will be a similar retrospective, it will have much more attitude and never-before-seen photos of the Texas Rattlesnake! Only a limited number of the special editions will be printed, so plan ahead and ask your local newsstand to reserve some copies and don't miss out.

As of this writing, the limited edition tribute will feature an exclusive interview with Stone Cold, photos of his childhood, his take on hunting, his media appearances, the "Eight F'in' Years" it took to get him to the top of the sport and much more!





TALES FROM THE TURNBUCKLE

Has Success Gone To Sable's Head?

When Sable debuted in the World Wrestling Federation in 1996, she was in many ways a far cry from the femme fatale who currently basks in the spotlight. Among her accomplishments are a *Playboy* magazine photo spread, an appearance on ABC's *Regis and Kathie Lee*, a *TV Guide* cover, a starring role in the USA Network series *Pacific Blue* and much more!

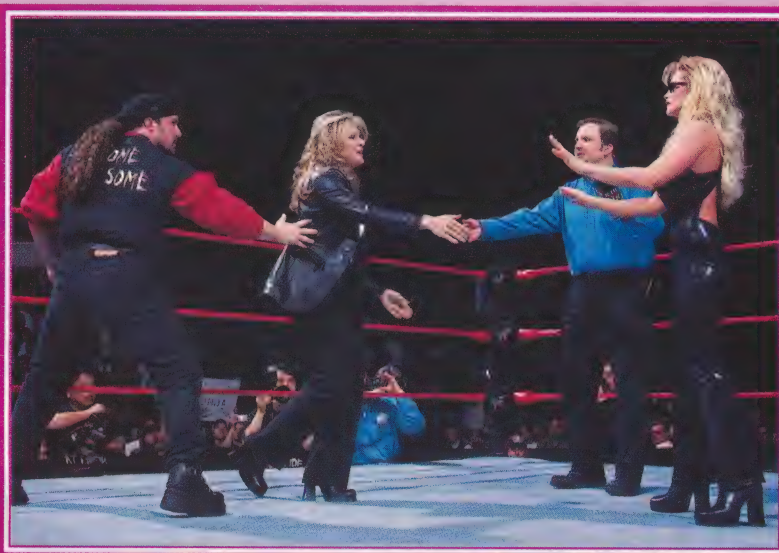
After all this celebrity, many are wondering whether it's all gone to her head!

On a recent RAW from Birmingham, Alabama, Sable—with just a hint of condescension—thanked everyone of her fans for helping her achieve her goals. It was a side of the blonde beauty we had never seen! During the interview, the obsessed Sable fan known only as *Tori* managed to climb the ringside barrier and enter the ring. All *Tori* wanted was to shake her idol's hand and to tell her how much she admired the champion.

Sable instead pulled her hand away and verbally ripped into *Tori*: "Look, you nut, I'm sick and tired of you harassing me! Don't you get it? You can never be like me. You're just a wannabe... just like all of them!"

Who was Sable referring to by "all of them"? Those very fans who, seconds before, the superstar had acknowledged for helping to achieve her success?

The following week on RAW, Sable's ego trip continued, as she again brought *Tori* into the ring for another lesson in greatness. During the instruction, *Luna* emerged to defend *Tori*, but in return the two women were knocked to the ground while their backs were turned with the World Wrestling Federation Women's



Championship belt, courtesy of Sable!

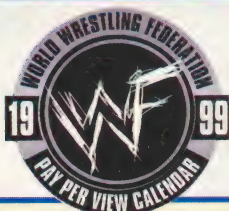
Only time will tell if the blonde beauty's new attitude is just a passing phase... or if her head really is swelled from having been in the spotlight too long! Perhaps whatever Sable wants... Sable gets!



Quote of the month

"Well, since The Rock's baby left him, he's found a new place to dwell. It's down at the end of Jabronie Drive... at the Smack Down Hotel!"

—The Rock, rendering his own version of Elvis' *Heartbreak Hotel* at "St. Valentine's Day Massacre"



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18—Edmonton, ALB

23—Toronto, ONT

24—MSG, NYC

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26—Hartford, CT (RAW)

27—New Haven, CT (RAW)

May

1—Anaheim, CA

2—San Diego, CA

7—Fort Myers, FL

8—Tampa, FL

9—Jacksonville, FL (HEAT)

10—Orlando, FL (RAW)

11—Sunrise, FL (RAW)

12—Tallahassee, FL

13—Hershey, PA

14—Philadelphia, PA

15—Baltimore, MD

16—Richmond, VA

THE TOP FIVE THINGS THAT P@#\$ OFF JEFF JARRETT:

1. Tiger Woods
2. Static cling
3. That dog in the Taco Bell commercials
4. Long lines at the supermarket
5. The rising cost of guitar repairs

You Don't Say

While partner Thrasher was healing a recent knee injury at home, Mosh had a lot of time on his hands! According to the Headbanger, he spent his time perfecting his golf game and getting his handicap down to six!



ROOKIES TO LEGENDS

Viscera

When the 500-plus-pound superstar formerly known as Mabel was attacked by the Acolytes at the *Royal Rumble*, the Undertaker's demonic vision that one superstar would be sacrificed to his Ministry of Darkness came to pass. After loading their victim into the back of a hearse bound for a hellish fate, the former *King of the Ring* appeared one week later on *RAW* not as Mabel... but reborn into the demonic Viscera!


World Wrestling Federation fans were first introduced to the superstar formerly known as Mabel in 1993 when, along with partner Mo and manager Oscar, he appeared in several vignettes set in New York City's Harlem. Fighting their way from the streets, these "Men on a Mission" took their urban assault to the squared circle against such tandems as the Quebecers, the Headshrinkers and the Heavenly Bodies. In March 1994, Mabel and Mo captured the Federation Tag Team Championship from the Quebecers during an international tour of England. Their reign was short-lived, however, as they dropped the gold back to Jacques and Pierre before going their separate ways.

As a singles competitor, Mabel shocked wrestling insiders by taking the 1995 *King of the Ring* with a win over Savio Vega. In the months that followed he made several challenges to the Federation Championship, nearly

upending Diesel in the main event of *SummerSlam '95*.

After bowing out of the Federation spotlight later that year, Mabel competed in several independent promotions, including the now-defunct USWA out of Memphis, Tennessee. When Ken Shamrock claimed the 1998 *King of the Ring* and set out to prove himself the "King of Kings", the 500-pound superstar made his return to challenge the no-holds-barred fighter. Despite a valiant effort, Mabel fell victim to the World's Most Dangerous Man and disappeared from the World Wrestling Federation again, only to be brought back several months later by Team Corporate to "soften up" Mankind on *Sunday Night Heat* prior to the *Rumble*.

During the Pay-Per-View, the superstar gained entry into the 30-man battle royal by attacking Mosh of the Headbangers and taking his spot in the order. Mabel eliminated Dan Severn, Steve Blackman, Tiger Ali, Droz and the Blue Meanie before the Undertaker appeared and had his minions claim the combatant for the Dark Side!

As a member of the Ministry, he may not be as physically imposing as the Acolytes or as technically sound as the Brood, but he is a monster bone crusher. And now Viscera is on a mission once more—this time perhaps for the Devil himself! 



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LOW RISK-LOW RETURN

Sometimes—if not for anything else but my own amusement—I look at the World Wrestling Federation as the New Yawk Stock Exchange. If I was given a "X" amount of dollars, how would I invest in the superstars of the World Wrestling Federation in an effort to turn a handful of green into a mountain of it?

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HIGH RISK-HIGH RETURN

Simple. MICK FOLEY. How could you not lay your cash down on him? The guy is everything to everybody. If you don't love Mick Foley, then you just ain't American. There is no doubt that Mick wouldn't give you a high return on your money. As frightening as it may sound, the guy has yet to peak in the Federation. However, on the down side of that the risk is HUGE!!! Spectacle after spectacle, not even Mick himself knows what physical state he could wind up in any given night. Mick lives on the edge—night in and night out he takes RISKS that nobody else does. If he continues to be successful, you could have that mansion and a yacht in a very short time. However, if he breaks...? Well, like the daredevil himself, that's the risk you're gonna have to take.

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So, then, who is that one superstar I would bet it all on? Take the whole wad and just let it ride? Risk everything—if there is any "risk" involved at all. Well, don't know about you, but as far as I'm concerned only one superstar comes to mind... and I know you all SMELL WHAT I'M COOKIN'! You bet your candy-@#\$es!!! I'm layin' the smack down on THE ROCK. Low risk, high return, The Rock has all the tools. I'd bet the farm on this human promo film because when all is said and done, he may be the biggest star this business has ever seen!!! Hell, I'm beggin' to have a seat in the first row on that bandwagon!!!

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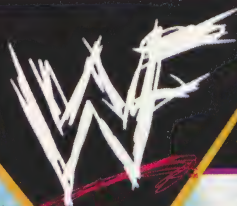
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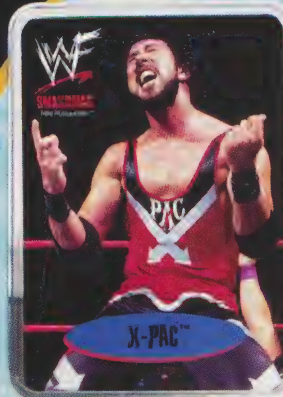
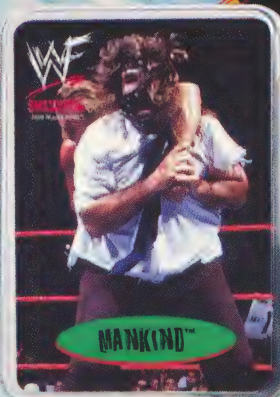


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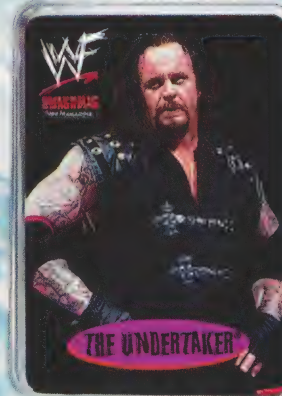
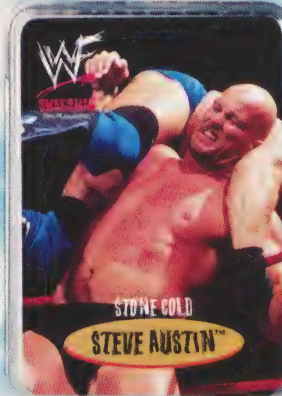
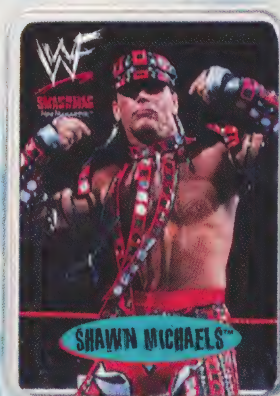


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IS CORPORATE



CHYNA

BY LAURA

Breakable?





to be the "corporate centerpiece"?

"I feel more useful in the corporation. I felt more like a babysitter with DX—that I always had to take care of them, I had to carry them through everything. Now I can be my own person in the corporation," Chyna attests.

"Working for the corporation is no different than any other job. All my jobs are the same. I get hired, I do what I'm supposed to do and that's it. It doesn't make me any more fearful of other people or better or worse. It's just different, it's a different group."

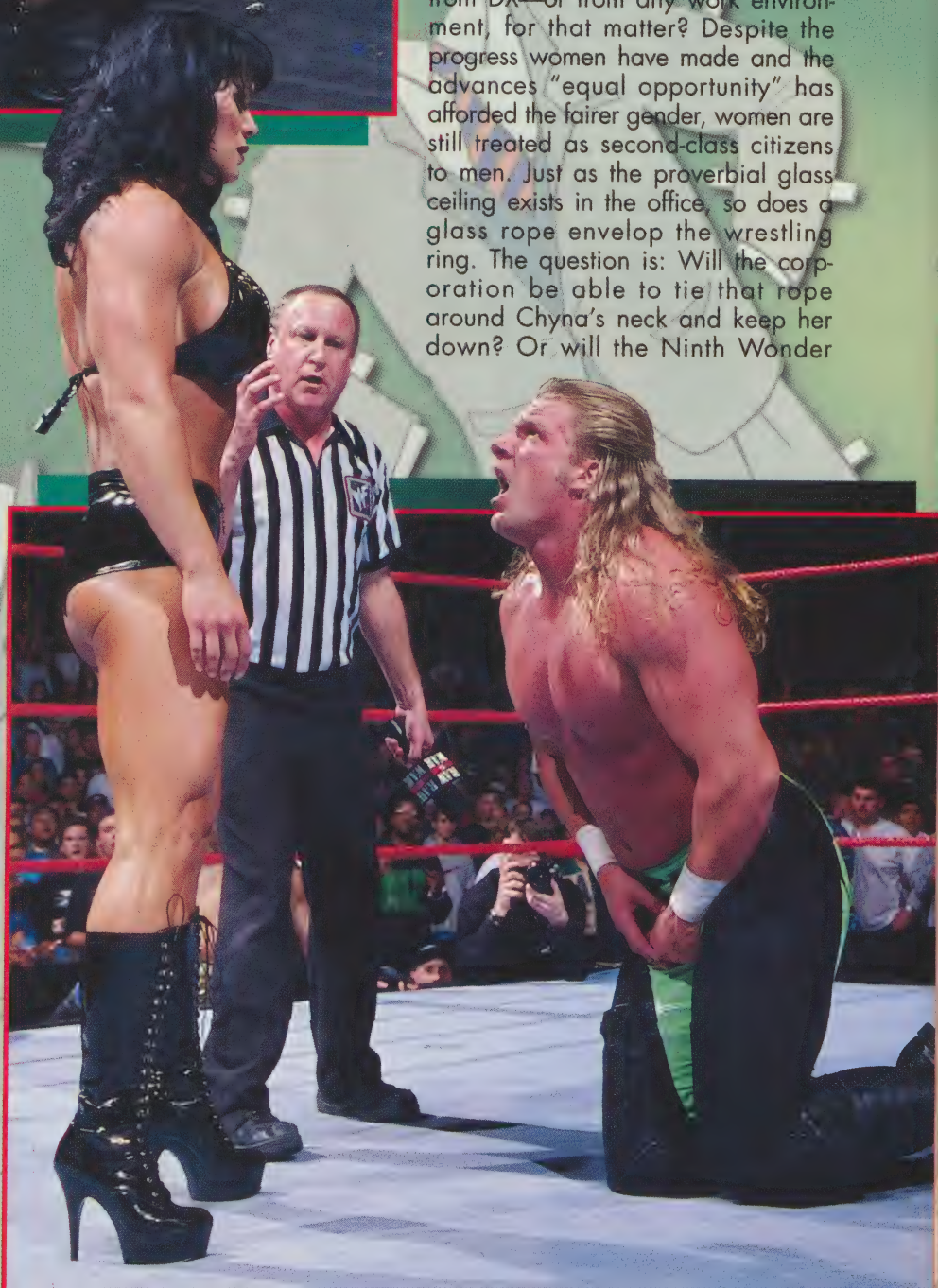
However, will a group of men—especially one in which inflated male egos abound—allow this woman to be her own person? Moreover, what makes Team Corporate any different from DX—or from any work environment, for that matter? Despite the progress women have made and the advances "equal opportunity" has afforded the fairer gender, women are still treated as second-class citizens to men. Just as the proverbial glass ceiling exists in the office, so does a glass rope envelop the wrestling ring. The question is: Will the corporation be able to tie that rope around Chyna's neck and keep her down? Or will the Ninth Wonder

When Chyna went corporate, fans and World Wrestling Federation Superstars alike were dumfounded. Why would the Ninth Wonder of the World turn her back on DX and go into league with the devil, Mr. McMahon? Some people speculate it is because her ultimate goal is to get her hands on the Federation Women's Championship, while others believe Chyna's explanation of a better financial deal from Team Corporate. Regardless, it is the popular consensus that Chyna sold out big time when she left DX to go "corporate."

On *Sunday Night Heat*, Chyna told the world that her decision to join the corporation was all about money.

"I never had any loyalty to DX. It was strictly an employee/employer relationship, just as it is with the corporation. They happened to offer me a better deal and I took it," Chyna affirmed.

Could money really be the only motivating factor behind Chyna's decision to go corporate? In DX, Chyna was the backbone of the group—its stabilizing force. However, she never had the spotlight—her presence was that of the silent leader. Does Chyna believe she will be able to achieve more prominence in the corporation—perhaps aspiring





ment. Or will Chyna be strong enough to defy their wishes? Sometimes you really do have to play by the rules to win the game, Chyna...

Perhaps that is exactly what the Ninth Wonder of the World is doing. In order to conquer one's enemy, one needs to know it from the inside out—and what better way than by becoming one of its very own. Don't judge her too quickly, though. Perhaps Chyna is not a sell-out. In fact, it could be argued that she is just the opposite. The woman believes strongly enough in herself that she is able to take the necessary steps to advance her career and truly grow—despite how others may now perceive her.

There is much more to Chyna than meets the eye. Regardless of the motive behind her move to Team Corporate, the Ninth Wonder of the World will never cease to amaze us—and keep us guessing. Perhaps she will be the one to shatter the Team

Corporate mold—Chyna is a lot more durable than the fragile egos around her. *WF*

of the World be more than Team Corporate's "eye candy" centerpiece? Will she be the one to crash through that glass rope, changing the image of women in the ring, in the workforce, in society?

"Will they give a woman equal opportunity to grow?" Chyna wonders. "No. Will they give Chyna equal opportunity? They have to because I'll force them to," she replies.

Chyna is certainly a force to be reckoned with. The woman knows what she's worth and what she wants—and she's not afraid of going after it.

But, again, what is it that Chyna really wants? Is it the Federation Women's Championship, as so many people speculate?

"I have absolutely no interest in the women's championship. To me [Federation women] are a bunch of bimbos wrestling around. I am far beyond that and in a completely different category," Chyna asserts.

Will Team Corporate allow Chyna to have her way? It is safe to assume that the corporation has visions of acquiring the Federation Women's Championship, a probable reason for her recruit-



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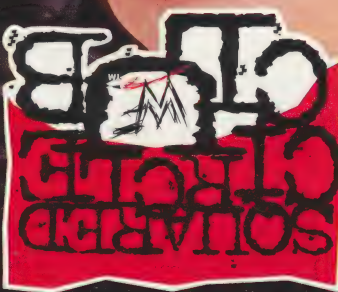
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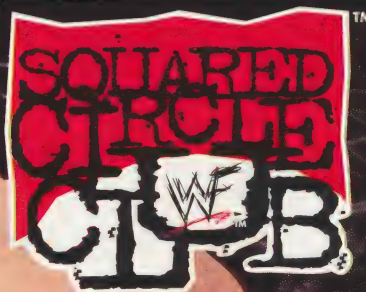
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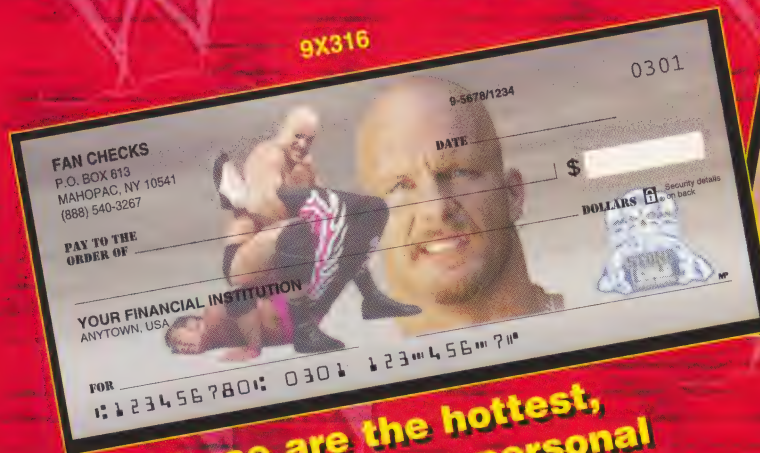
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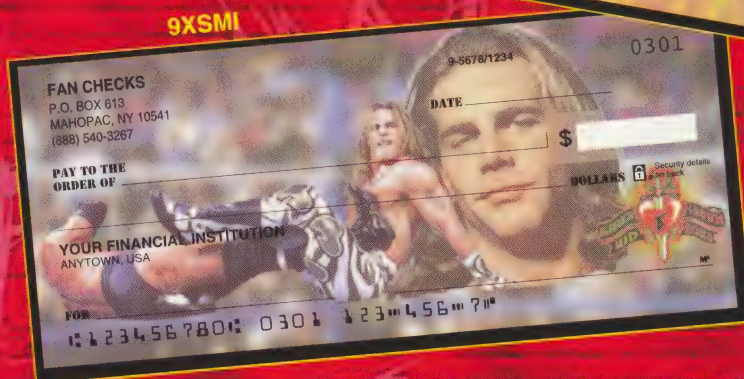


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Sitting beside Shane McMahon during Sunday Night Heat affords me the opportunity to get to know this young man few people really know.

Shane is not what everyone thinks he is. He is not simply "the boss' son." He is hard-working and endlessly creative. While he grew up with privilege and wealth, Shane was anything but a traditional "snotty rich kid." Vince's only son got into trouble growing up and

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found himself on the wrong side of the law more than once. His restlessness was apparently the cause. He never could and still can't sit still. Obnoxious? You bet! He makes no excuses for it, however.

Shane is also a gifted athlete. A tremendous throwing arm garnered him success on the gridiron in high school. Now an executive in his family's company, he still gets up at 6 a.m. every morning to work out. If he gets four hours of sleep a night, it's plenty. Sometimes he doesn't sleep at all.



No matter what you think about him, there is no denying that Shane McMahon has a burning desire for everything he does. It's as if something has been calling him all his life.

His rivalry with X-Pac surprises many people. As Shane is not a Federation Superstar, why would he provoke one of the finest athletes in the world? In fact, I see many similarities between them.

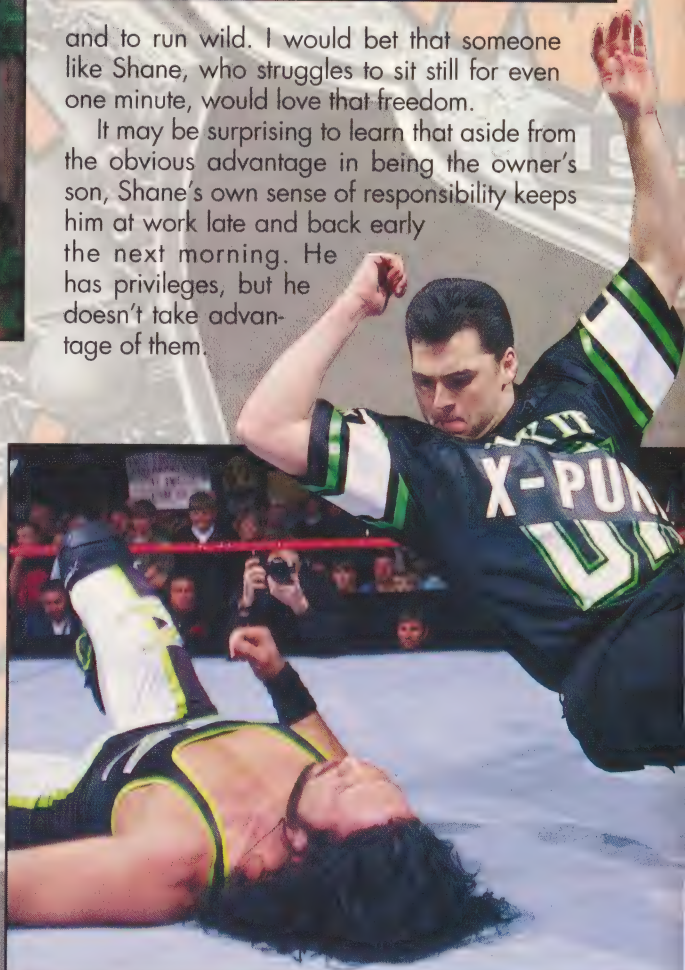
Both the D-Generate and Shane possess relentless energy for success. X-Pac is renowned for his resilience and an attitude that screams confidence. We know of his athletic prowess through what he does in the ring. History will record that X-Pac has been an innovator in sports-entertainment. No one will ever accuse him, however, of being an angel. He has made mistakes in the past and like Shane, his own restlessness is partially to blame. Obnoxious? You bet! He makes no excuses either.

They are so much alike. Why do they detest each other so much?

Perhaps Shane is envious of X-Pac's ability to let his hair down and be a degenerate. Ask executives about their secret wishes and most desire time to cut loose, free of the corporate structure,

and to run wild. I would bet that someone like Shane, who struggles to sit still for even one minute, would love that freedom.

It may be surprising to learn that aside from the obvious advantage in being the owner's son, Shane's own sense of responsibility keeps him at work late and back early the next morning. He has privileges, but he doesn't take advantage of them.



Blessed with more natural in-ring ability perhaps than any other Federation Superstar, X-Pac could probably still dazzle with his skills if he never trained, stretched or prepared mentally. Despite the "pick up and go" mentality, he trains diligently, studying martial arts, which focus both body and mind. Unlike Shane, X-Pac is not restricted by the corporate structure. There are no board meetings for DX.

When Shane debuted on *Heat*, he immediately showed his favor for D-Generation X. Crotch-chopping was the order of the day when X-Pac and the crew were on the scene. With Shane's assimilation into Team Corporate and the fulfillment of family destiny, the crossed hands had to be separated. It was a natural rivalry borne out of corporate protocol.

What if Shane's bitter resentment of X-Pac stems from a management directive, rather than true animosity? Could Vince's son, the heir apparent to the Federation empire, be lying to us all? Is Shane lying to his father?

This far-fetched, purely speculative set of questions is merely that. But all sides of this position should be looked at. We know that DX is notorious for some classic leg pulling. Their spoof of the Nation, the parody of the Corporation as well as the "assault" on World Championship Wrestling (WCW) are just a few of the gags we have fallen for. Is Shane in on what would be the biggest one yet?

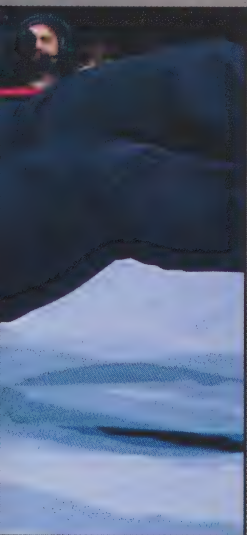
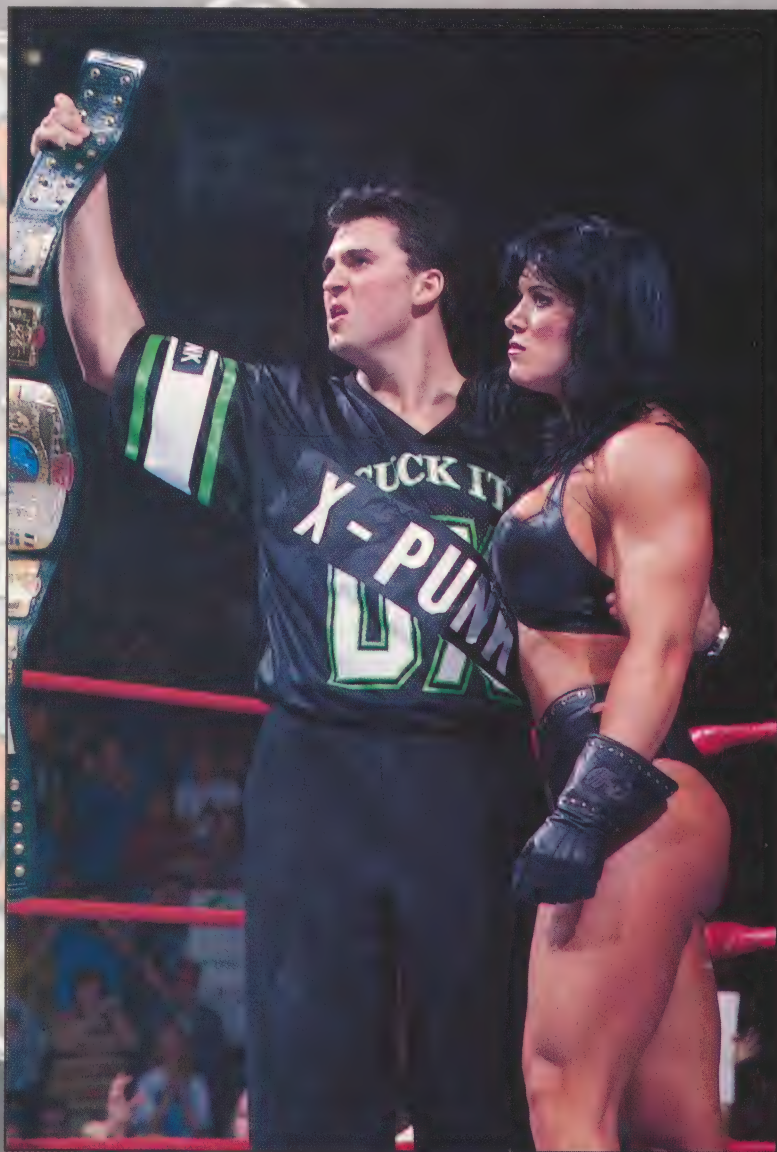
The recent interaction between Shane McMahon and X-Pac probably eliminates that from consideration. Time and time again, Shane has not only tried to embarrass the multi-time European Champion but hurt him as well. No DX gag went this long without a punch line. The only punches we have seen are the ones they have thrown at each other, with balled-up fists and bad intentions.

Is Shane McMahon jealous of X-Pac? Jealousy is such a strong emotion that it generally consumes those who feel it. The argument can certainly be made that the owner-in-training has been consumed by X-Pac over the past few months. While I am sure he is envious of his free spirit, Shane is so confident in himself that I doubt he would succumb to such a primal emotion.

So, what is Shane's problem with X-Pac? Their battles have settled little and have only intensified the problems that exist. Chyna certainly hasn't helped matters. It seems that whenever Shane is given the keys to the kingdom, bad things happen to DX and in particular to X-Pac.

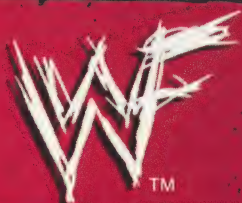


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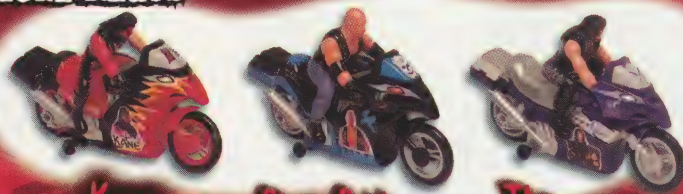
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WHAT MIDIAN SEES

THE Ministry

By Kevin Kelly

It's a foggy night. Visibility on the highway is next to zero. Suddenly the dense fog breaks up and a starry sky opens up, making the rest of the journey a breeze.

For nearly five years, the man now known as Midian traveled in the misty haze of self-doubt and confusion, according to him. Now the Ministry of Darkness has transformed this man into a walking, talking billboard for the Undertaker's message.

With dark circles under his eyes indicating lack of sleep, Midian (regarding his role in the Ministry) said he sees "all the bad and all the good that's hidden out there. Also, I'm trying to bring a little light into the Ministry's dark world. The Undertaker has such a powerful message for all of us—you, me, the world.... That message must be heard."

His frantic waving arms and manic delivery didn't get in the way of the eerie words he spoke.

"It was a goal my entire life to walk with the Undertaker, only I never realized it," Midian said, regarding his rebirth in the Ministry. "I was chosen by him... I wasn't out seeking a family. I was picked. But when I found out what was offered to me, I realized that this is my family. This is where I belong."

It's amazing to me how this man has changed. First introduced to fans as the dumb but lovable Phineas I. Godwinn, the man born Dennis Knight has severed ties with family and friends to be one with the Ministry. Even Midian seems to marvel in his transformation when he said, "They must have seen something in me before they opened up my eyes. Now, it's a beautiful world filled with shadows and dark creatures that lurk under your bed and hide in the closet. I call those people my friends."

It's obvious to me at this point in my interview (and to those reading this as well I'm sure) that Midian is "out there." The power of the Undertaker was behind the renaissance of the Acolytes, the harnessing of the Brood and now the sacrifice and eventual rebirth of Dennis Knight into Midian. That power exudes from the Lord of Darkness. The Undertaker receives truckloads of mail from fans and would-be worshippers alike. It's amazing that so many "lost souls" live among us.

The Phenom has always possessed this power, foregoing it to walk alone for nearly a decade. Why at this time has the Undertaker decided to assemble an army? Perhaps it was his recent disappointment in his 1998 pursuit of the World Wrestling Federation Championship. Regardless, the Ministry of Darkness is real and those who are devoted to him hang on his every word.

Many people have accused the Undertaker of running and the Ministry of Darkness of being a cult. Midian laughs and replies, "Would you say that it is any more evil and any more of a cult than what Vince McMahon is doing with his corporation? Remember that this isn't a nice and good world we live in anymore. There is more evil than there is good."

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Despite his evasiveness, I persisted nonetheless on the question of cult status for the Ministry. Midian said, "You can call it a cult if that's what you call a bunch of guys who travel around and listen to every word the Undertaker says like it's from God. If that is what you call a cult, then I guess we would be one."

The question of good or evil and where the Ministry is on the subject arose and Midian said almost cryptically, "It depends on who you are. It depends on what you think good is and what you think evil is. It's no more evil than [television talk show] Jerry Springer. We don't take families and tear them apart on national television. We just take World Wrestling Federation Superstars and tear them apart on national TV. Anything that happens to someone at the hands of the Ministry... they probably did something to bring us there."

I next asked what would happen if anyone wanted to leave the Ministry of Darkness and Midian

snapped, "Why would anyone want to leave?!"

Whether it's a cult or not, good or evil, the Ministry of Darkness is very real. It's as if all the members were driving along in a bus on a foggy night when the Undertaker took the wheel and brought them all into clarity.

Is the final stop on this bus, however, the gates of hell? The fare on this bus ride is not free...WF



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[Editor's Note: Dennis Knight used to be a big football fan, but now he says he doesn't watch sports.]

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FAVORITE TELEVISION SHOW:

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HOBBIES:

Exploring the Dark Side and opening up my mind to the Ministry

FAVORITE FOOD:

Sacrificial lamb

FAVORITE FAST FOOD:

Gyros

FAVORITE ACTOR:

Doug Bradley
("Pinhead" in *Hellraiser*)

FAVORITE ACTRESS:

Linda Blair

FAVORITE MOVIE(S):

Tombstone and *The Exorcist*

IF I COULD HAVE DONE IT DIFFERENTLY, I WOULD HAVE...

I would have opened up my mind sooner to the Undertaker.

SECRET TALENT:

Making the Undertaker laugh

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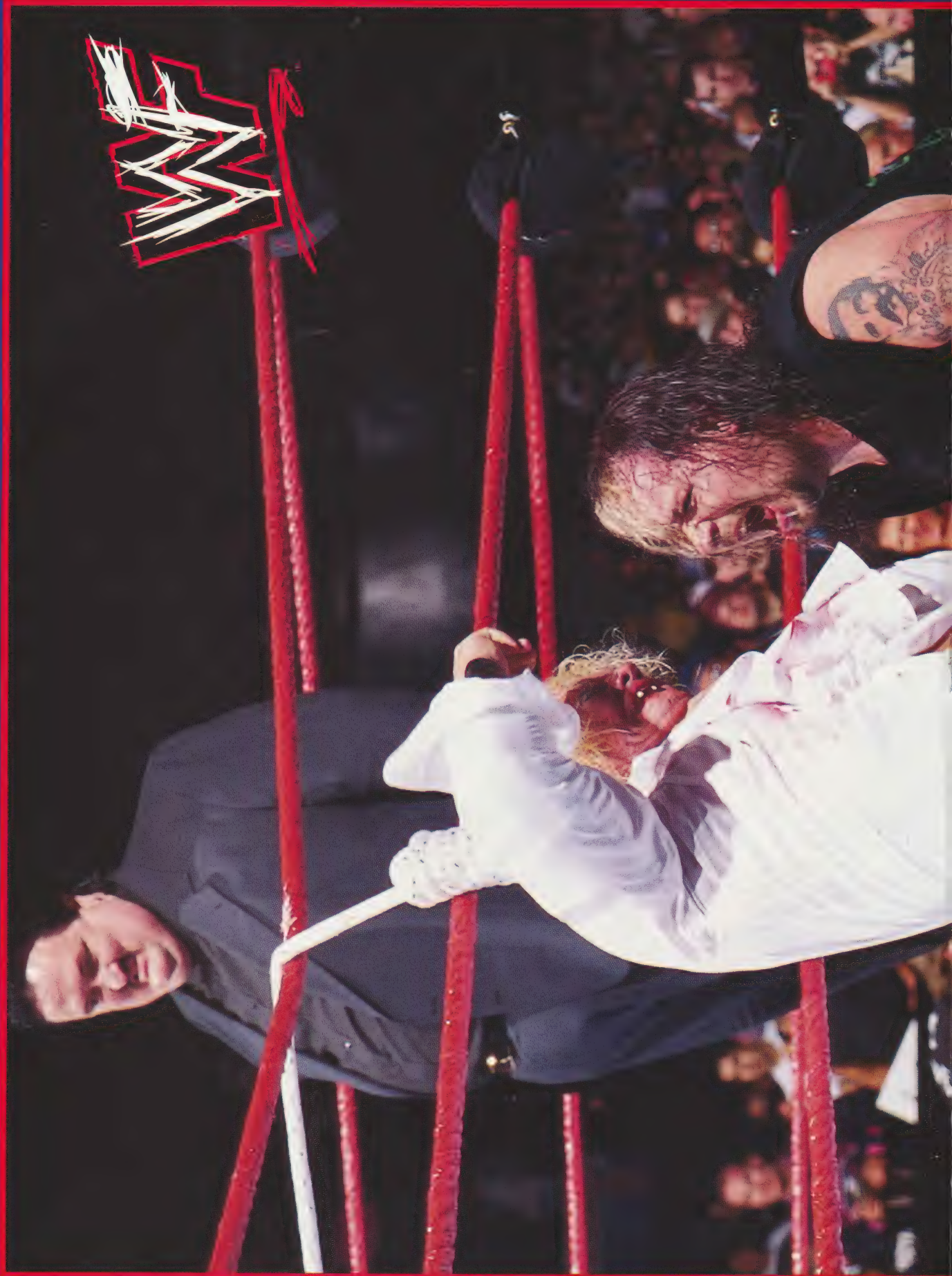
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FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER:

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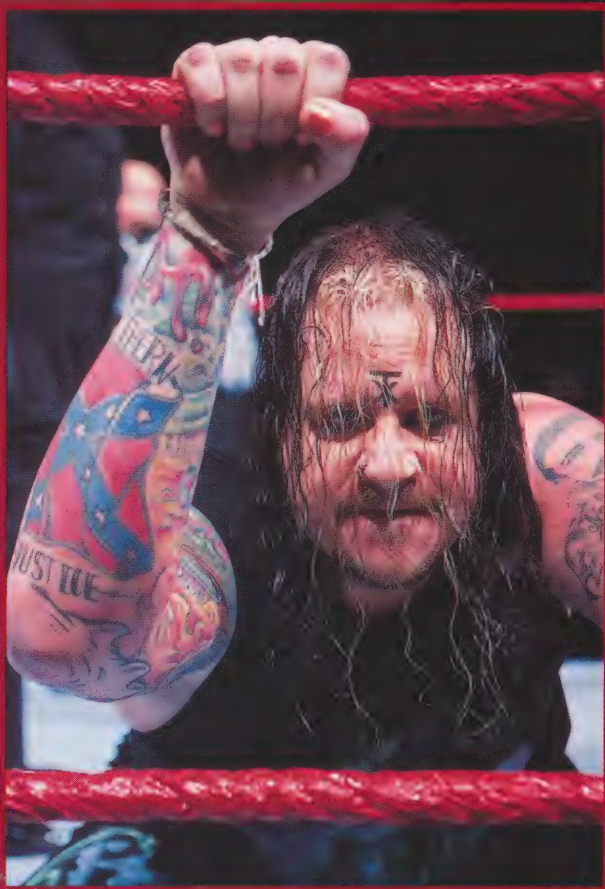
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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS



Beginning his World Wrestling Federation career as a gullible but lovable Godwin, the man once known as Phineas became part of history by capturing the Federation Tag Team Championship with partner Henry on May 19, 1996, at New York City's Madison Square Garden over the Body Donnas. Usually armed with a slop bucket and an array of barnyard animals, the Godwinns were one of the most popular tag team combos.

A change in attitude and attire saw the Godwinns transform into Southern Justice. The muscle behind Double J left victims in their wake and business cards proclaiming themselves as "Problem Solvers" wherever they went. Competing under his real name, Dennis Knight found himself alone after injury sidelined partner Mark Canterbury.



At the arena because "he" told him to be there, Dennis Knight was kidnapped by the Acolytes and eventually sacrificed into the Ministry of Darkness. In a bizarre ritual, the life appeared to be taken from Knight, who was renamed Midian by the Undertaker. More vicious and sadistic than ever, Midian is the eye of the Ministry—the seer of the future.

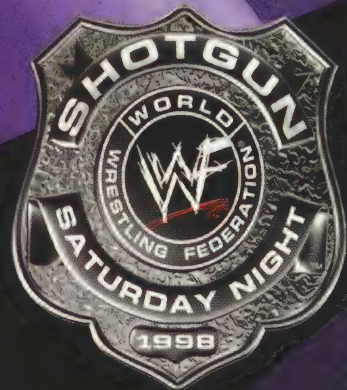


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elelevision tapings are always big events for the World Wrestling Federation Superstars. Show the action out in the arena on a monitor in the locker room, and without fail they'll swarm around it every time. The majority watch to be entertained, hoping to gain some good ammunition for a wisecrack when their peers come back through the curtain.

At the same time, the athletes competing in the ring are fully aware of what's going on. They know that they are not only performing for the fans, but also for the mob huddled around the sets in the locker room. And with such a collection of male egos dissecting their every move, sometimes nothing proves one's manhood better than the reactions of the women in the audience.

To the casual fan at home, it's hardly noticeable. But to those who watch closely, each time Billy Gunn comes out and shows off his "asset," cameras usually cut away to a googly-eyed beauty in the crowd screaming with appreciation. One more feather in the cap, or in his case, the bottom!

The same holds true for Val Venis, who goes through a variety of suggestive rituals just to provoke a response from the opposite sex. There's nothing wrong with a little competition among men, but for these two it has developed into something far more serious—and personal.



By Bill Banks

Ultimate Degenerates?

Sexuality aside, both Gunn and Venis are the very foundation of the World Wrestling Federation. Both are primed for the next level and have already established themselves as bona fide contenders for any championship. Over the past few months, they've shared a mutual enemy in Ken Shamrock and a common interest in his sister Ryan. With two superstars who share such similar agendas and goals, common sense would suggest that pooling their resources might benefit both their careers. But Val and Billy have chosen otherwise. Why?

In most rivalries, the competitors are driven by the goal to succeed. Sometimes these athletes, or teams, are so alike that they simply can't stand each other. Take, for example, the L.A. Lakers/Boston Celtics classics during the 1980s, or the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox in the '70s, or Ali and Foreman before that. All bitter rivals, but in some way much like their opposition. But when you put them in an arena or a ball park, the drive to eliminate the enemy takes over. That's what makes it competition—attempting to conquer a team or an athlete who wants to do what you do better.

Still, we wonder "what if?" Could you imagine the two of them coming out together? Talk about your ultimate degenerates! Simply put, neither Gunn nor Venis can stand being outdone by the other when it comes to being the premier sex symbol of the Federation. It just goes to show that in the world of sports-entertainment, feuds don't





the movie star looks and a body women melt for, while Val lands more ladies than Wilt Chamberlain! Billy sticks his butt out there to get attention and feed his enormous ego, while the Big Valbowski is a paid professional in the world of adult entertainment. So close, yet worlds apart—and still they try to annoy each other to no end.

Here at Titan Tower, headquarters of the World Wrestling Federation, I've spoken to female employees who feel Venis' antics are childish, but put them in front of the television to watch one of his matches and they smile and nod their approval! (Read between the lines on that one.) Likewise, New Age Outlaws' photos—prominently featuring Billy—are the prevailing office decoration for some of those same women.

Speaking of the Outlaws, what if Billy feels they've seen better days as a team? This is not to say their skills have diminished, but just that both key ingredients of the mix are doing their own thing these days. Road Dogg has branched off into the world of hardcore fighting, while Billy's cause revolves around the Intercontinental gold. If somehow, some way Billy and Val were to put their personal differences aside, would they be just as good—or better—than the Outlaws?

Before shaking your head, think about it from Gunn's possible point of view—you could eat lobster every night, but eventually you'd want to tear into a nice juicy steak! What if he tired of dominating the tag team scene? What's left for them to achieve? But think of the fun Billy and Val could have. It would be one bootie-

always have to be fueled by money or championships. Sometimes it has to do with how one is perceived by fellow superstars, and hearing from the boys in the back that the enemy outdid you that night just isn't healthy for those enormous egos.

So, the two superstars push the envelope as much as possible—without going over. When Billy mooned Shamrock's sister, Val had to get the one-up by featuring her as the co-star in his *Sister Act* movie. Both are degenerates through and through. Remember those bodybuilding competitions on ESPN when the guys on stage jostle each other for position? In this case, the stage may not be big enough for just Val and Billy!

What they must realize is that there can never be a true victor in their competition. Billy will find ways to out-do Val, and vice versa. Athleticism and common goals aside, both are sex symbols in their respective ways. Gunn has





shaking, hip-gyrating night after another. Perhaps that's one of the reasons he ignited this feud with Val in the first place—to try something a little different.

What would a team like Val and Billy be like? Both their high-flying styles are extremely complementary. Their ideal finisher might be Gunn's leg-drop to the back of a foe's head followed by the Money Shot. And who would be able to touch their entrance? Would both of them come out wrapped in towels? Would Val have a big pair of lips stitched on the front of his trunks? And if you weren't down with that... would those two words be "Hello, Ladies"? It's just a shame that both of them can't put their egos aside and become the ultimate degenerate team!

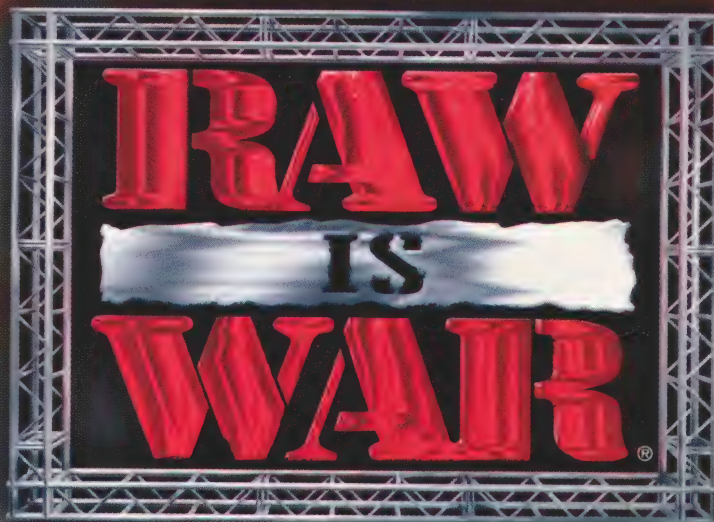
After all, two swelled heads are always better than one... **WF**

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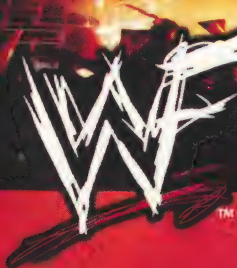


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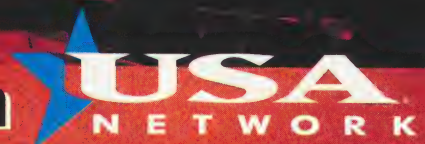
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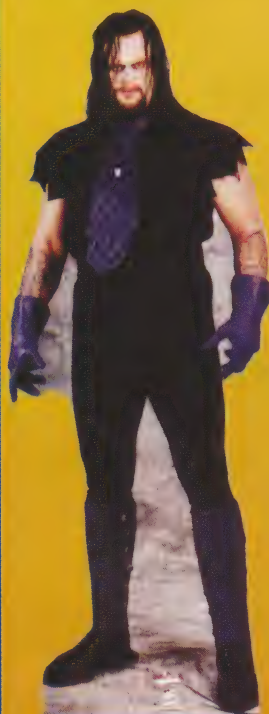
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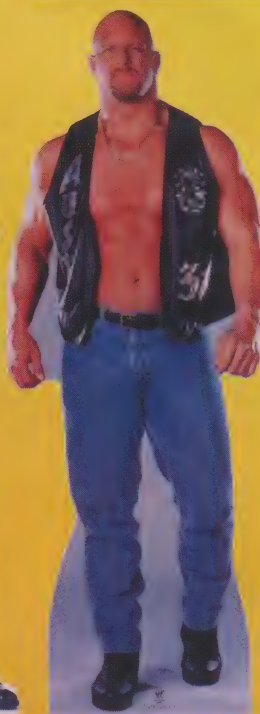
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BAD BOY, BAD BOY...

One of the most outrageously unique personalities in the World Wrestling Federation today is Darren Drozdov, better known as "Droz". The former NFL star from the Denver Broncos is badder now than he's ever been in his life, and he's getting paid for it! Droz can get tattooed and pierced, wear baggie shorts, crazy hats, shake his wild hair around and act like a real freak in the ring—exactly what he wants to do—plus beat guys up.

Many comparisons are made between Droz and Dennis Rodman for a number of reasons. Before he began painting his nails, dying his hair and just generally acting outrageously, Rodman was bland, almost invisible.

Is Droz doing the same kind of thing? He says he isn't; but Rodman denies it too, claiming that he just likes the way he looks. Droz also says that it's not just for the "attention", but he "likes" the way he "looks." People are taking notice of what Droz is doing—not counting his victories, but keeping track of the damage he is capable of leaving in his wake.

Does Droz simply want the attention? Here is a guy who takes pride in his ability to vomit at will and who goes around telling people he eats minnows in order to freak them out. He paints his fingernails. He sports a little braid from the top of his otherwise shaven head. Can this man really claim that he doesn't do these things for attention?

Recently I had the opportunity to ask Droz what his thoughts are about being compared to Dennis Rodman.

"I like Rodman and admire what he does and how he plays the press, but I'm not him," Droz



By Dennis A. Brent

THE REAL WORLD DROZ



explained. "I don't act crazy just to get press. I don't kick cameramen or wear wedding dresses. I'm a pretty laid-back kind of guy, actually—I'm my own man."

He further offered: "Tattoos and piercings are kind of an addiction to me. I first pierced my ear, I think, when I was in the eighth grade. I probably had nine total at one time just in my ears. I pierced my own nose in college with a piercing gun. About two months ago I got my nipple done. The tattoos are the same thing. Once you have one, you just kind of add another one here and another one there. My mother freaks out when I come home! I love to freak my mother out. It's really cool."

Droz seemingly lives for getting a reaction from people. Why would he look the way he does 24 hours a day otherwise? Why would he go around telling people he likes to eat minnows?

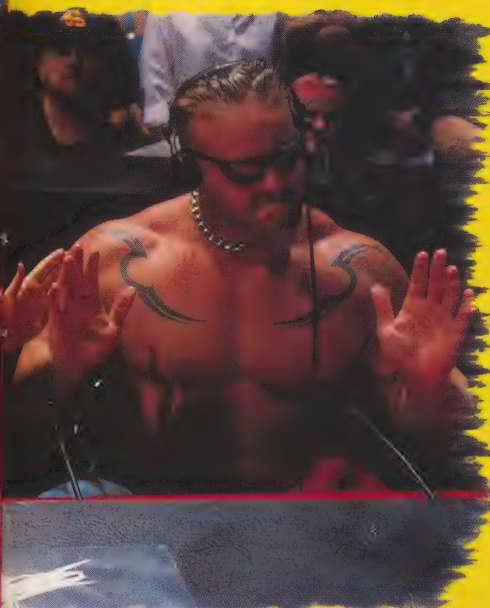
"You know, when I'm fishing with some buddies I'll break up the monotony by eating some minnows," Droz laughed. "It's kind of funny because they tickle your throat on the way down. You don't chew them,

you just kind of throw them in some water or a beer and drink them and let them slide down your throat. And it's kind of funny. People really kind of freak out over it. You know, it's just something to do."

Who eats minnows for fun? (Does this guy's elevator go all the way to the top?)

"I once sat around at a buddy's who had a whole tank of goldfish," Droz recalled. "I went over there and ended up eating 24 or 25 of his goldfish—just because they were there and it was funny and they really didn't think I would do it. It was actually a pretty freaky feeling with all of them swimming around in my stomach. They don't last too long down there, but long enough to feel pretty weird."

Is this guy for real? It's not the tattoos or the piercings, but he likes the feeling of small fish swimming around in his stomach! Perhaps he wants to be more than a small fish in a big pond and his outlandish ways, he feels, are



his ticket out of mediocrity.

On the subject of the NFL, Droz commented, "I like wrestling much better than football. It's more violent. In football, you're out there on the field with 10 other guys, plus you have rules where you can't just knock guys down or clothesline them. In wrestling it's you

with very few rules. You're not hidden by a helmet, a face guard or shoulder pads. You're bare. It's you out there kicking @\$\$, doing your stuff.

"In my case, I can get as freaky as I want," he continued. "I heard that people thought it was cool when I



supposedly threw Hawk off the Titantron or when I beat Giant Silva with a stick or beat up Kevin Kelly for asking stupid questions. These days people want to see something different because they've seen so many things. It's always got to be something outrageous, and that's my middle name."

When I asked if he enjoyed messing with people in public, Droz thought for a minute and responded, "You know, I really don't try to freak people out in public on purpose, but sometimes the situation calls for it. If people don't have anything better to do with their boring lives than to stare at me and the way I look, then I'll give them a show—something to remember. I look at people and I can't imagine wearing a suit and tie every day. Now, to me, that's freaky. Don't judge anybody by the way they look, because you don't know that person. I'm very comfortable with the way I look. I enjoy being the freak that I am. Whether people like me or not, that's their choice. I'm my own guy. Tell me, can Dennis Rodman 'puke' on demand? I don't think so!"

Now people worldwide know who Dennis Rodman is—not for the three championships he has won, but for his controversial looks and notorious behavior. We may not remember how many rebounds he makes, but we certainly know who he is. Did Dennis do all this to get attention? The answer has to be that he did and it works. Will it work for Droz as well? **WF**



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RATE LOYALTY...

or

NIGHT nightmare MARE

By Bill Banks

STOP ME IF YOU'VE HEARD THIS ONE:

WHAT DO YOU FEED AN ANGRY BEAR?

ANSWER: ANYTHING IT WANTS.

LET'S TRY ANOTHER VARIATION...

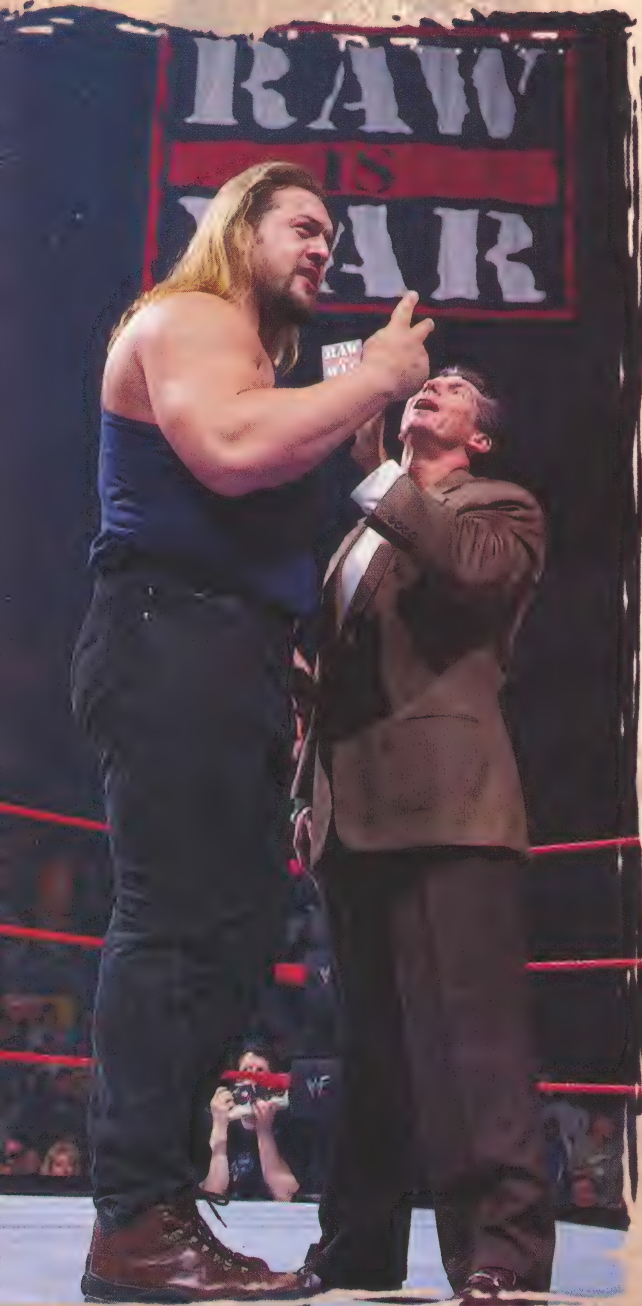
WHAT DO YOU FEED AN ANGRY PAUL WIGHT?

**ANSWER: THE WORLD WRESTLING
FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Not laughing? Good. You shouldn't be. Nobody enters the World Wrestling Federation expecting second best, least of all a seven-foot monster. It just doesn't happen. To put it bluntly—second s*cks. From the first-year rookie to longtime veterans, all have high hopes of one day wearing the grandest prize in the sport. For some, it takes years of hard work and dedication. For an athlete as big as Wight, you usually don't ask twice.

Don't kid yourself. Wight wants nothing more than to be the Federation Champion. For someone who possesses his size, ability and star quality, it's nothing short of inevitable. Is he a team player? In this sport, there's no such thing. Alliances are made for the end result of money and power, and no one can ever argue that fact. It's that simple. Some say there's no "I" in "team," but that doesn't mean you can't switch some letters around to spell "me."





What if Vince doesn't see it that way? When you first meet someone as large as Wight, his personality isn't the first thing that comes to mind. As he did with Kane, would Mr. McMahon make the mistake of assuming his latest acquisition is simply a piece of meat? Never judge a book by the cover, because Wight wouldn't be in the position he's in if he wasn't a very shrewd businessman. His services came with a hefty price tag—and probably other company perks. Someone seven feet tall probably doesn't take orders very well.

One might even go out on a limb and say that Wight has never had a problem bending people to his will. The question is: Can one of the most influential leaders in entertainment be swayed by his own employee? Under normal circumstances, probably not. But in an era with the Ministry of Darkness threatening to take control of the Federation, perhaps the owner could be made to see things Wight's "way" if the situation gets too dangerous for McMahon. In the big picture it's a necessity for Vince to have Paul in Team Corporate. After all, what better defense to have against the Undertaker's army than a superstar as big as a wall?

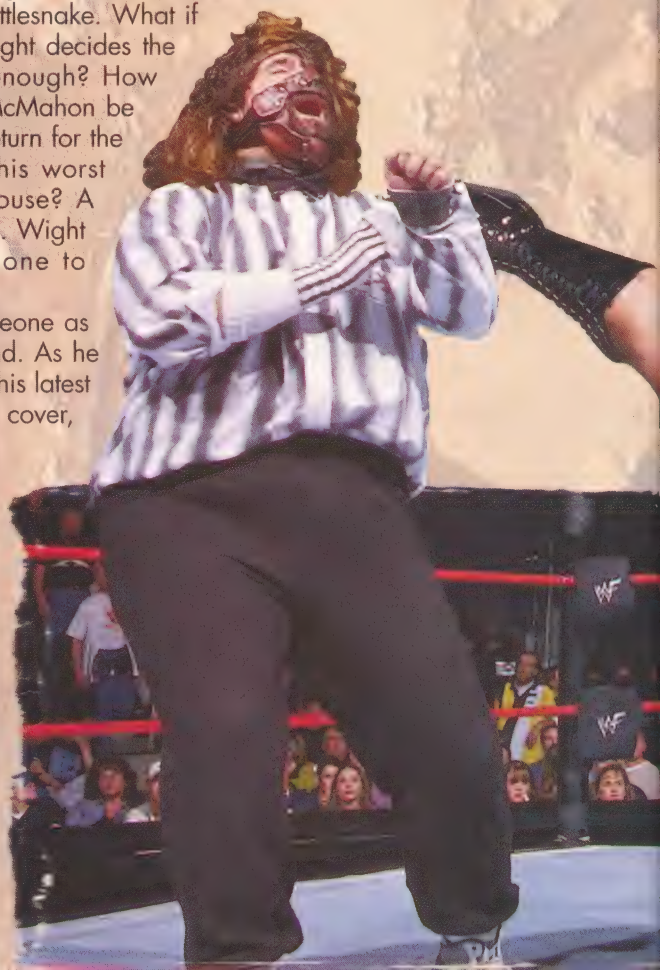
You certainly can't blame Wight for his actions of late. After all, when a superstar free agent is brought in and given the star treatment from Federation officials, it can only fuel that enormous ego.

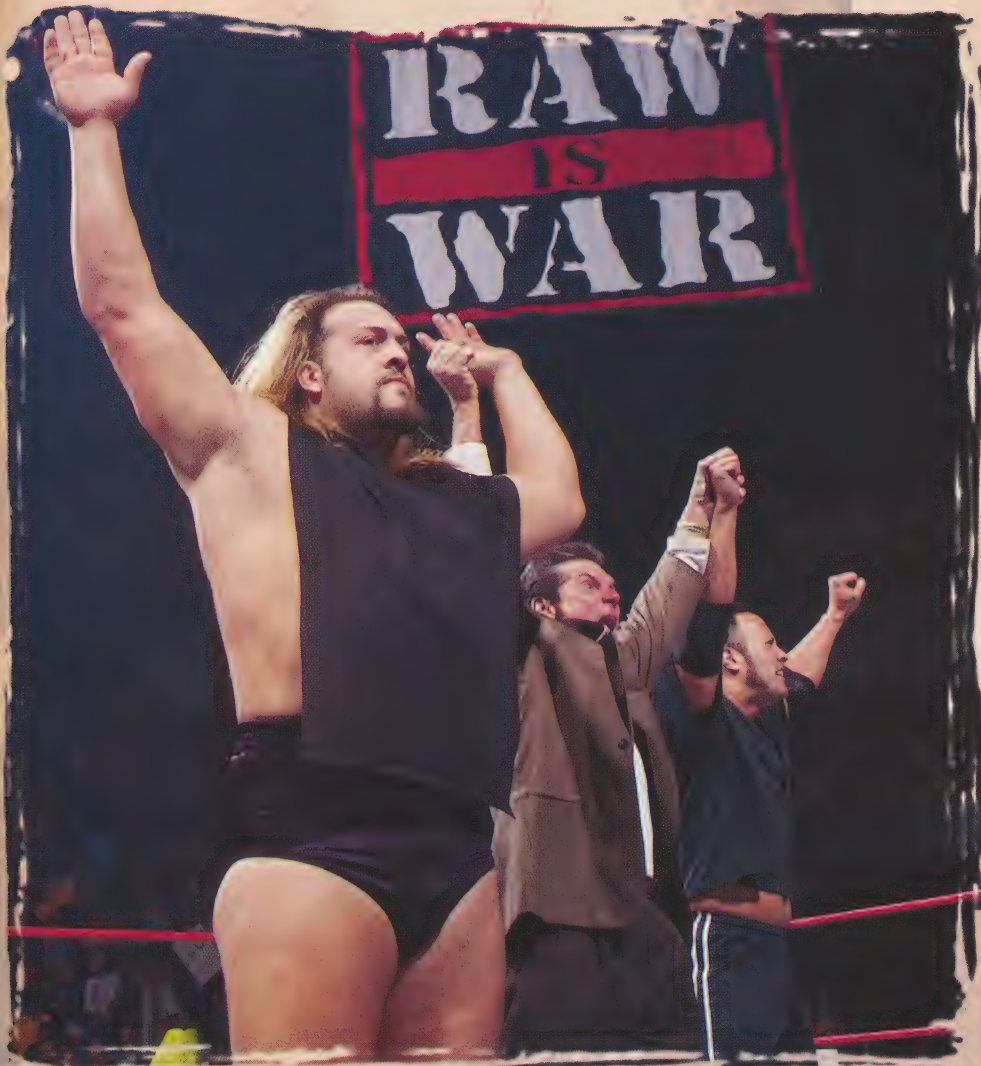
From day one, he's made it abundantly clear he wants to be recognized as the top contender. Forget about waiting his turn—who in their right mind would tell him to stand in line? That is, of course, unless they want him to step over them—or on them, for that matter! Instead, he went straight for the superstar at the front of the line—Stone Cold Steve Austin—and had it not been for the steel cage, Wight might have launched him through the concrete walls of the arena. First impressions speak volumes, and the sound of the Rattlesnake nearly getting decapitated at the Par-Per-View was loud and clear.

First there was Austin, then Mick Foley the following night on RAW from the top of a steel ladder, costing him the championship to The Rock. Was the mammoth the new poster child for Team Corporate? On the surface it appeared that way in McMahon's private office as the big man received the royal treatment. Within a two-day period, Wight had single-handedly changed the course of the Federation—and he was more than happy to take credit for handing back the gold on a silver platter to The Rock.

Life Lesson No. 1: Don't bite the hand that feeds you. Even though The Rock and Wight set up Foley the following week by pretending to get in a scuffle, did you notice the "corporate eyebrow" raised at Wight following their shoving match? Obviously, the newcomer put a little extra force into his shoves than The Rock felt was necessary, perhaps planting the seed for what may lie ahead.

This brings up an interesting point—can Mr. McMahon trust Paul Wight? Vince owns the company, obviously, but does Paul run the corporation? Who would question HIS motives? The Big Boss Man? Test? Ken Shamrock? Not a chance! Wight offers the one thing the owner has wanted more than anything in life and that's to be rid of Austin. Rub the big man's back and he'll rub out the Rattlesnake. What if down the road Wight decides the deal isn't sweet enough? How much would Mr. McMahon be willing to give in return for the extermination of his worst enemy? A new house? A new car? Perhaps... Wight wants to be the one to crumble The Rock.





You might say it's a case of the dog walking the owner. No matter who has the gold—be it Austin or The Rock—there isn't a choke chain big enough Mr. McMahon could possibly fit around Wight's neck. He isn't here to be a babysitter or hired protection, and he certainly isn't corporate material. You'll never see him in an Armani suit—and not just because it's tough to find a size 56 long. The only one he is truly loyal to is himself. Wight is on his own time—he's been in group settings before in his career and he knows the score.

Out of blind hatred for Stone Cold, maybe Vince believes Wight will play the game by his rules. But not once has the newcomer ever come out and pledged his allegiance to Team Corporate!

Life Lesson No. 2: Never assume anything. Simply put, the superstar is going to do what he wants, with or without his employer's consent, and that includes going after the World Wrestling Federation Championship.

When will it be feeding time for the Federation's nastiest bear? Only Paul Wight knows that answer. **WF**



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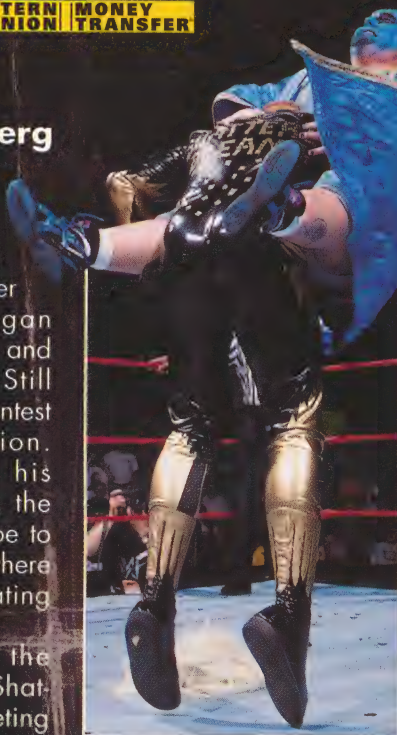
By Keith Elliot Greenberg

The animosity between these two individuals started several weeks earlier when the Blue Meanie began masquerading as his nemesis, and interfering in his matches. Still fuming, Goldust began this contest with a powerbomb variation. When Bluedust continued his Goldust imitation at ringside, the flamboyant one followed his foe to the arena floor, battered him there and then delivered a humiliating spanking between the ropes.

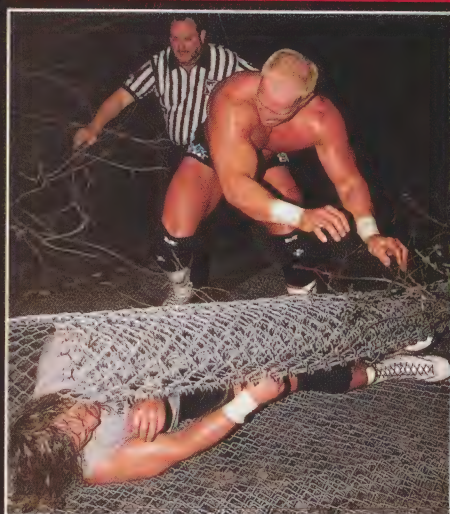
Bluedust took charge of the match when he thwarted a Shattered Dreams attempt by greeting

Goldust vs. "Bluedust"

a charging Goldust with an extended leg. But when Bluedust missed a moonsault, Goldust polished off the clash with a curtain call. Responding to the demands of the fans at ringside, Goldust finally hurt and embarrassed his opponent with Shattered Dreams.



Hardcore Championship Match: Al Snow vs. Bob Holly



room, Snow whacked his rival with a telephone and hurled a garbage can into his chest. Holly responded by hitting his opponent with several floor tiles and a cooler. But Snow assumed the lead by jamming a broom handle into his adversary's neck.

Outside the arena the pair ended up fighting in the Mississippi River, bordering the Pyramid in Memphis. On the banks, Holly captured the belt by wrapping his foe in a fence that had been detached from its posts and covered him for the three-count.

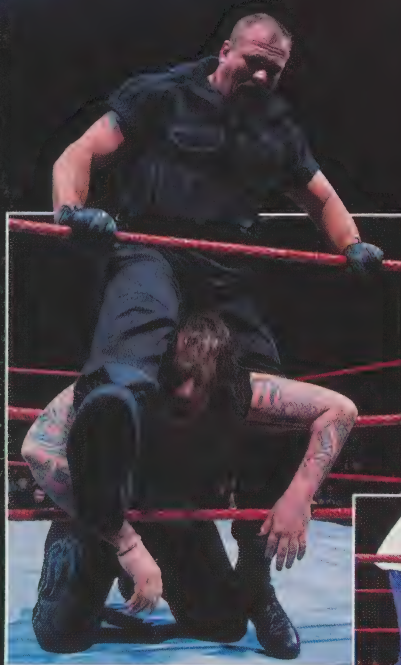
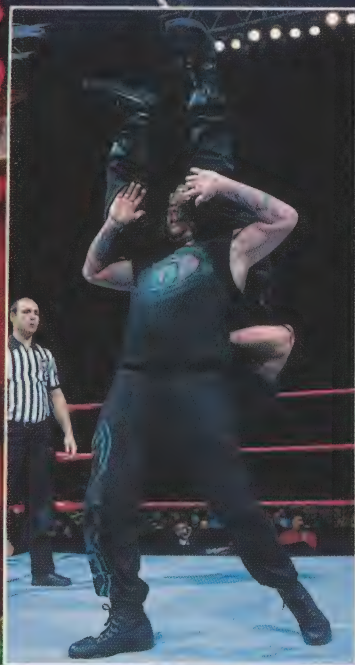
The World Wrestling Federation Hardcore Championship was up for grabs after a locker room attack forced former champion Road Dogg to vacate. With the rules allow-

ing falls to count anywhere in the building, the two were swiftly brawling in the audience, where Holly blasted his opponent with a fire extinguisher. Within seconds, Snow took possession of the object, spraying his foe twice.

As the battle continued into the locker

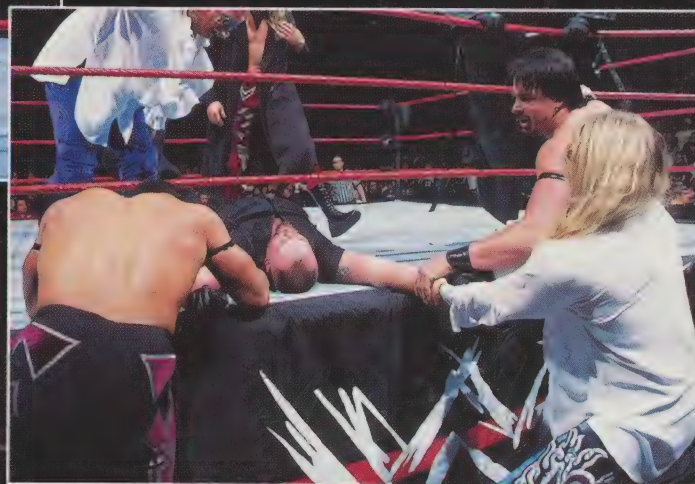


Midian vs. The Big Boss Man



nowhere. When Boss Man tried regaining the lead with a piledriver, Midian reversed the maneuver into a back body drop.

The match seemed all but lost when Big Boss Man suddenly stunned his foe with a sidewalk slam and snared the win. There was no time to celebrate, however. The lights went out as other members of the Ministry surrounded the ring. Big Boss Man was repeatedly splashed by the 500-pound Viscera, before being carried to the back of the arena.



Midian—the wrestler formerly known as Dennis Knight before becoming a member of the Undertaker's Ministry—shocked the fans by leaving an eyeball in a jar at ringside. After biting the Big Boss Man's fingers at ringside, Midian continued chomping on his opponent in the squared circle.

Big Boss Man took charge by squashing Midian in the corner, draping him on the second rope and vaulting onto his back. But Midian pulled a suplex variation out of

The challengers came into the contest confident that their new shapely valet, Ivory, could counteract whatever effect Jarrett's manager, Debra, would have on the match. Debra distracted Henry early in the bout by blowing kisses at him from the apron.

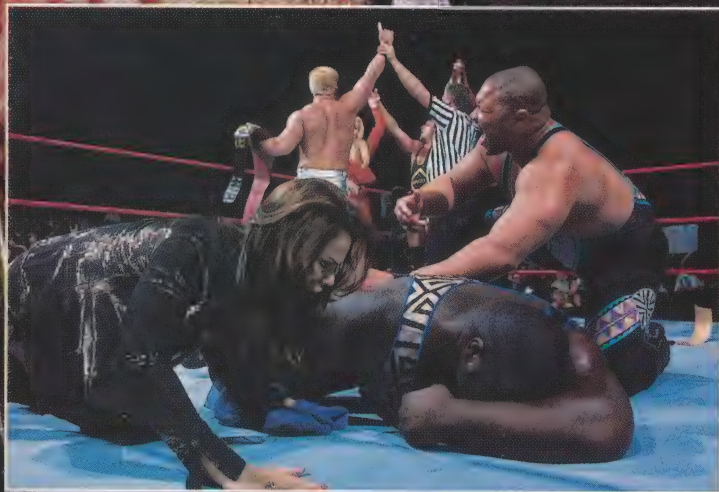
The champions tried concentrating on the battle at hand, punishing D'Lo with a double clothesline and double elbow. Although isolated from his partner, D'Lo refused to quit, crashing Owen into the canvas with the Ski-Hi

Tag Team Championship Match: Jeff Jarrett & Owen Hart [Champions] with Debra vs. "Sexual Chocolate" Mark Henry & D'Lo Brown with Ivory

before tagging "Sexual Chocolate."

In the subsequent free-for-all, Brown ascended the ropes only to be distracted by the flirtatious Debra. When Ivory stepped in the referee's attention shifted from the action in the ring. As Henry gorilla-pressed Jarrett, Hart whacked "Sexual Chocolate" in the legs with a guitar, setting him up for Jeff's figure-four leglock. Henry submitted,

but his team gained something of a moral victory when Ivory ripped off much of Debra's wardrobe after the bell.



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MASSACRE

Intercontinental Championship Match:
Ken Shamrock [Champion]
vs. Val Venis
Special Referee B. A. Billy Gunn



After senior referee Earl Hebner washed his hands of "this mess", traditional Shamrock tormentor Badd Ass Billy Gunn was appointed arbiter. To further unnervе Shamrock his sexy sister and Venis' XXX co-star, Ryan Shamrock, accompanied the challenger to the ring.

After Shamrock pummeled Venis, Val came back—executing a suplex, followed by an atomic drop and backbreaker. Shamrock argued with Gunn at one point over his officiating and found himself trapped in a sleeper by a lurking Venis. But when Val climbed the ropes for his Money Shot, Shamrock reached up and tossed his foe across the ring. Shamrock clamped on his ankle lock, but Val reached toward the

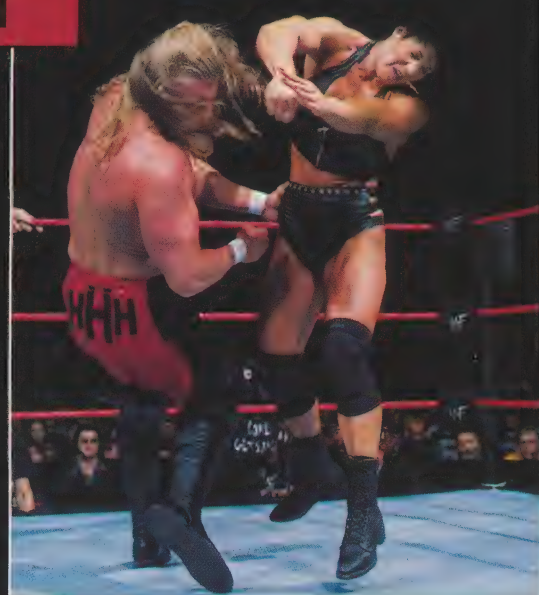


apron and Ryan Shamrock grabbed his hand, breaking up the move.

A livid Shamrock chastised his sister who slapped him across the face. The Intercontinental Champion next went nose to nose with Gunn at ringside. Shamrock shoved Billy and the referee shoved Shamrock into the ring where he was cradled and pinned by Venis. Irate about losing the title, Shamrock beat up Gunn who, for reasons not made clear, proceeded to punch out the new Intercontinental Champion.



Triple H & X-Pac vs. Kane & Chyna



Chyna demanded the opportunity to lace into her two former DX team mates in this unusual "mixed" tag team match. Midway into the action, "Corporate" Chyna showed her metal. HHH tried suplexing the Ninth Wonder of the World, but Chyna reversed the momentum, landed feet first and slugged Triple H.

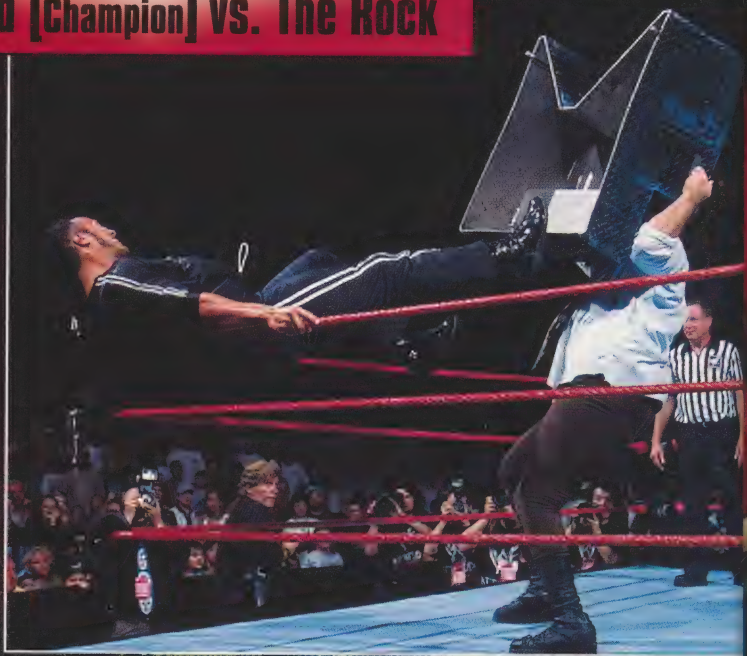
The battle spilled out of the ring, where X-Pac deliberately wiped out Shane McMahon at the announcer's table. The European Champion ran into a brick wall when he tried his luck with Kane, however. The Undertaker's brother softened up X-Pac, allowing Chyna to jar him with a running powerslam. After punching HHH on the ring apron, Chyna dropped X-Pac across the top rope and caught him in a sleeper hold.

X-Pac refused to submit. He suplexed Chyna and tagged HHH, who repeatedly belted the Ninth Wonder of the World and delivered a big knee to her face. X-Pac then delivered a Bronco Buster to "Corporate" Chyna in the corner. Shane slipped into the ring and broke up the scenario, only to be chased back to the locker room by the European Champion. Meanwhile, HHH tried putting the Pedigree on Chyna but was jumped by Kane, who delivered a chokeslam and placed Chyna on top of HHH for the win.



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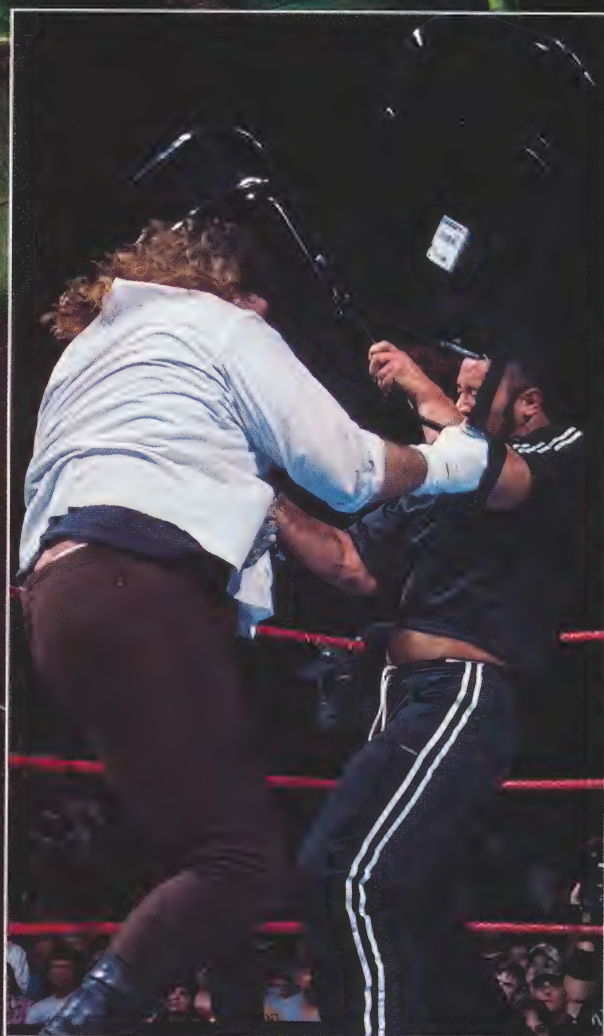
**Last Man Standing Championship Match:
Mankind [champion] vs. The Rock**



Mankind started off the match by turning his back on The Rock and daring the challenger to attack. The Rock was happy to accommodate the Federation Champion, slugging him from the rear; but when he let down his guard, The Rock was smashed with Mankind's championship belt.

It wasn't long before the two left the ring, tossing each other into the lighting structures lining the runway leading to the squared circle. On a wobbly table used by the television technicians, Mankind executed a DDT, but The Rock countered with a suplex on the concrete floor. Assuming a position at the announcer's table, The Rock put on a headset and mocked his foe. Not surprisingly, Mankind assaulted his opponent, draped him head first over the table and executed an elbow to the back of The Rock's neck from the ring apron.

Wielding a steel chair, The Rock returned to the ring and repeatedly whacked his enemy's previously dislocated knee. But Mankind





moved out of the way of one swinging chair shot, watching gleefully as the weapon bounced off the ropes and cracked The Rock in the head. Mankind tried another DDT on the announcer's table, but The Rock reversed the move into a back bodydrop and then chucked the ring steps from the squared circle onto the champion's aching knee.

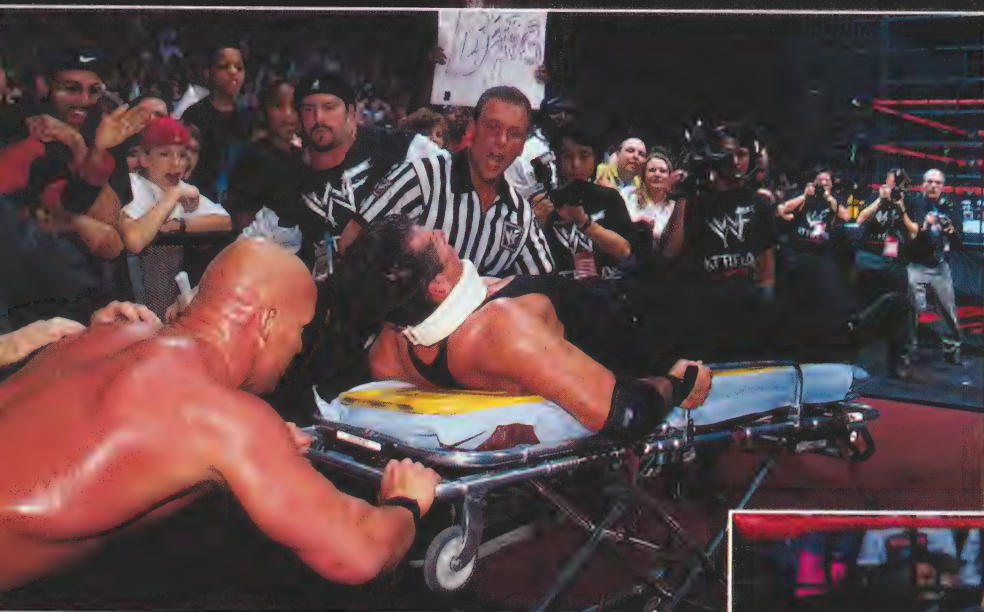
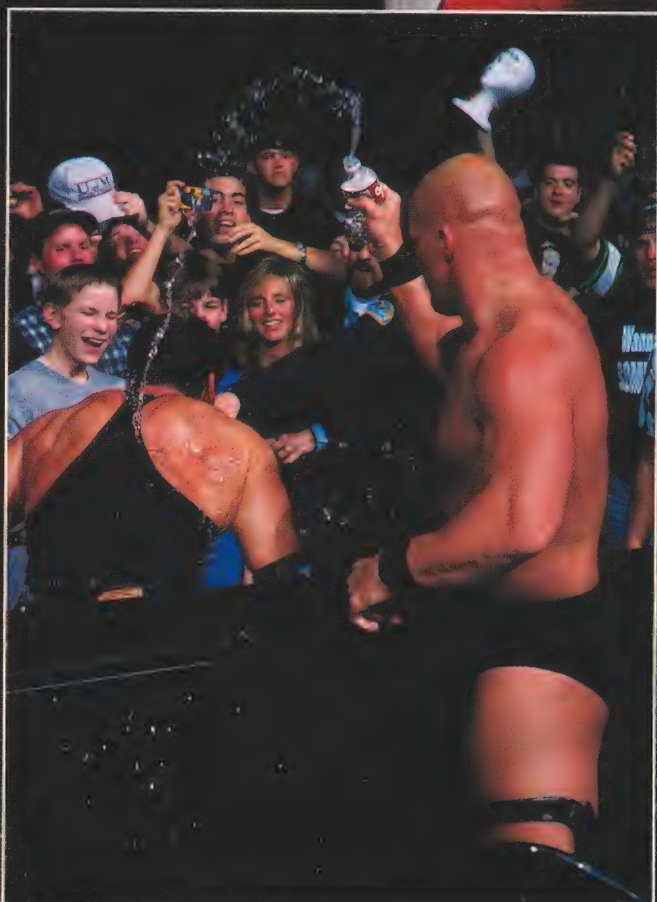
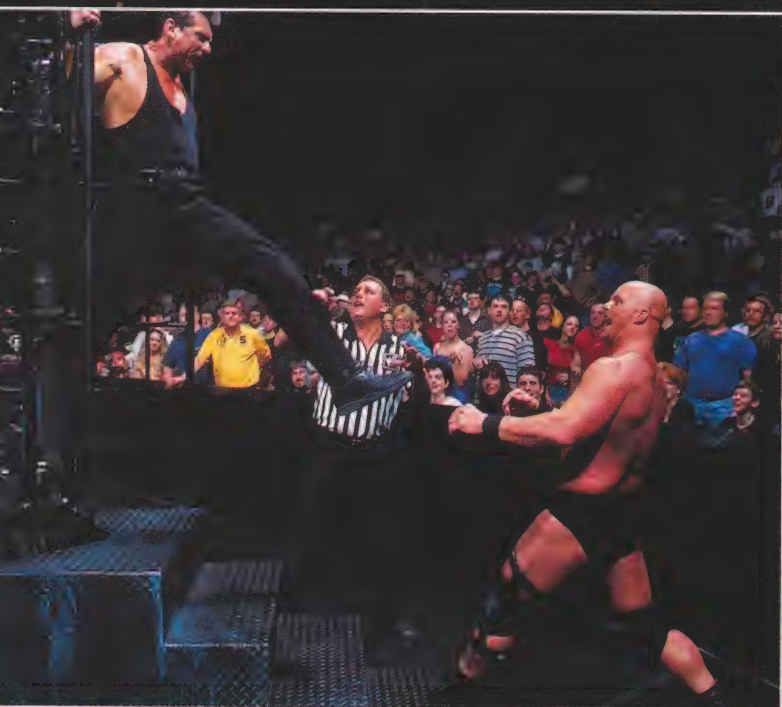
The Rock heckled the crowd in Memphis with an Elvis imitation. In the midst of it, Mankind snuck up on his opponent and applied the Mandible Claw. Unfortunately for the champ, the referee was knocked down by the flying bodies and couldn't count out The Rock



for 10 seconds to end the match. When the official was revived, he saw the pair simultaneously whack each other with steel chairs. The two hit the canvas, as the referee began his count. When neither rose within 10 seconds, he ruled the match a draw. Both men left the ring on stretchers—with The Rock wearing a neck brace.



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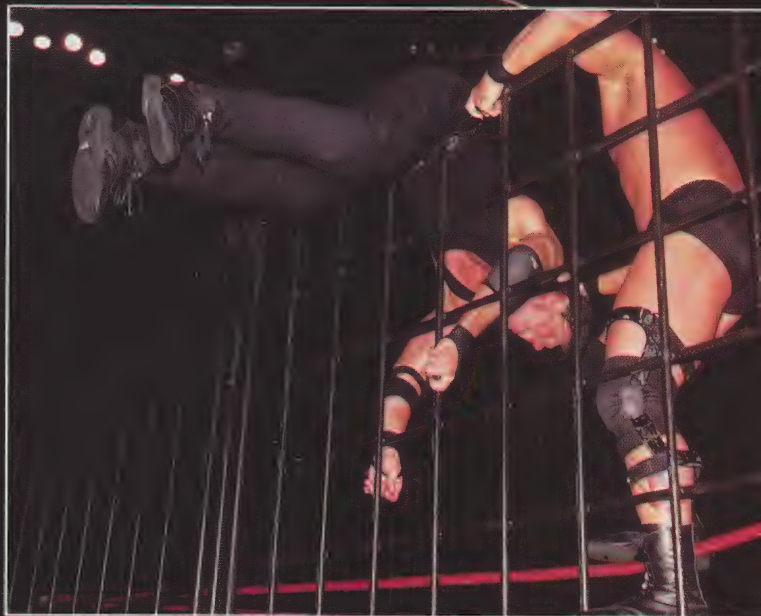
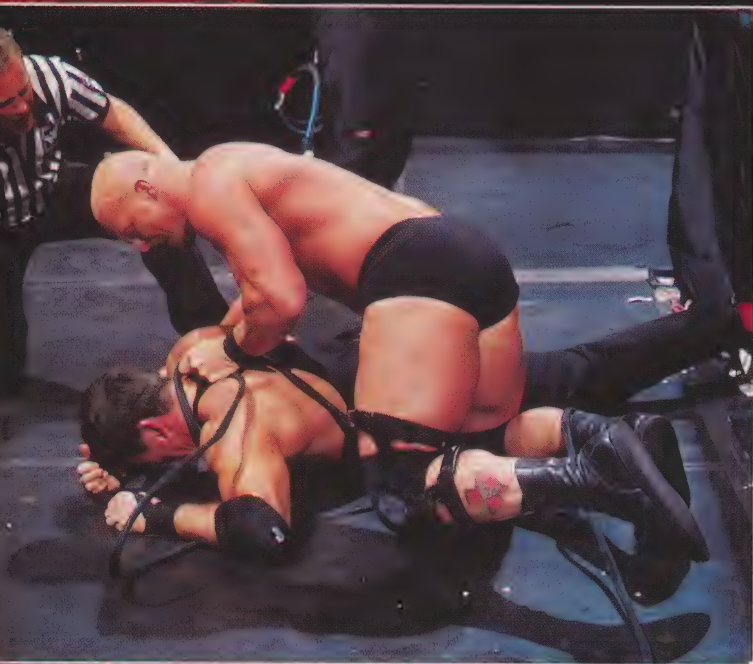
the outside of the cage, until the Rattlesnake banged the owner's head into the bars, propelling him backwards through the Spanish language announcer's table. For the second time that night a paramedic placed a neck brace on a competitor, as Mr. McMahon was lifted onto a gurney. Austin wheeled

Each man had a motive for taking this match. For Austin, the contest was another opportunity to pound on Mr. McMahon. If the World Wrestling Federation owner could somehow escape the enclosure, he would have the satisfaction of preventing Stone Cold from receiving a title shot at *WrestleMania XV*.

For a while it looked like the match would never officially start. Outside the ring, Mr. McMahon was set upon, choked with a cable, pulverized in the audience and smashed into the steel stairs. The two ascended



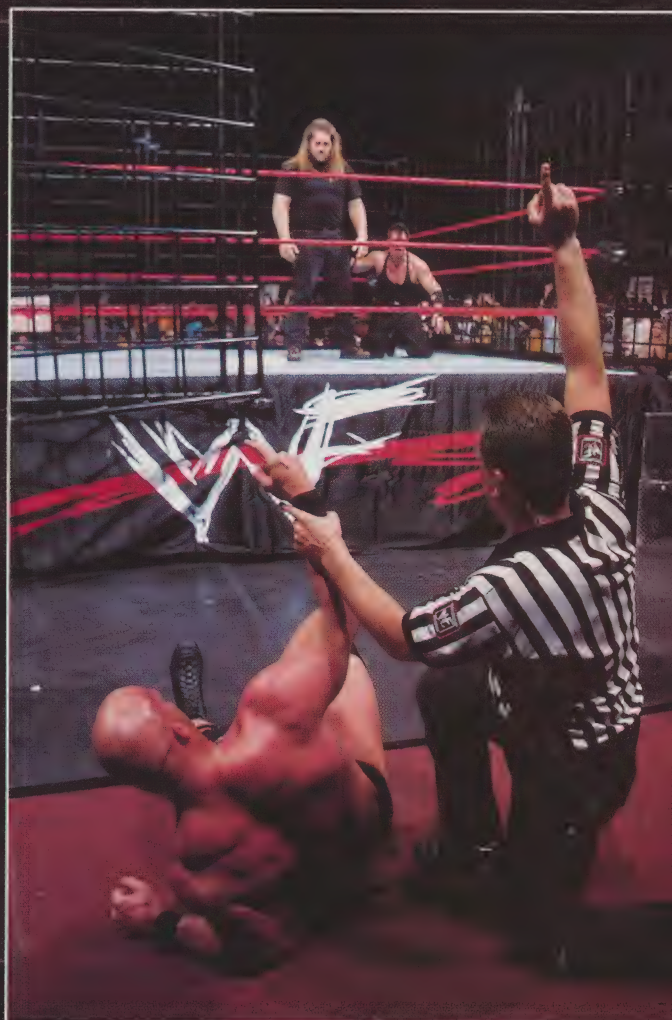
Steel Cage Match: Vince McMahon vs. Stone Cold Steve Austin



Austin climbed over the cage and was practically on the arena floor when a bloody Vince again flipped him the bird. Once again the Rattlesnake returned to the ring to attack the owner, delivering a Stone Cold Stunner. Suddenly, Paul Wight climbed through the bottom of the ring and battered Austin. But Wight didn't know his own strength. When he tossed Austin into the side of the cage it broke and Austin toppled to ringside, inadvertently winning the match. **WF**

the gurney into the side of the ring and lashed a piece of the stretcher across Mr. McMahon's back.

Mr. McMahon was hurled into the ring and the match finally started. Austin hit the boss with repeated elbows from the ropes. Stone Cold was about to exit the door—and win the match—when the owner flipped him the middle finger. Returning to the cage, Austin let his defenses down and walked into a low blow. Mr. McMahon climbed the cage and managed to swing his feet over the top, but Austin pulled him back into the ring and clanged his head into the bars.



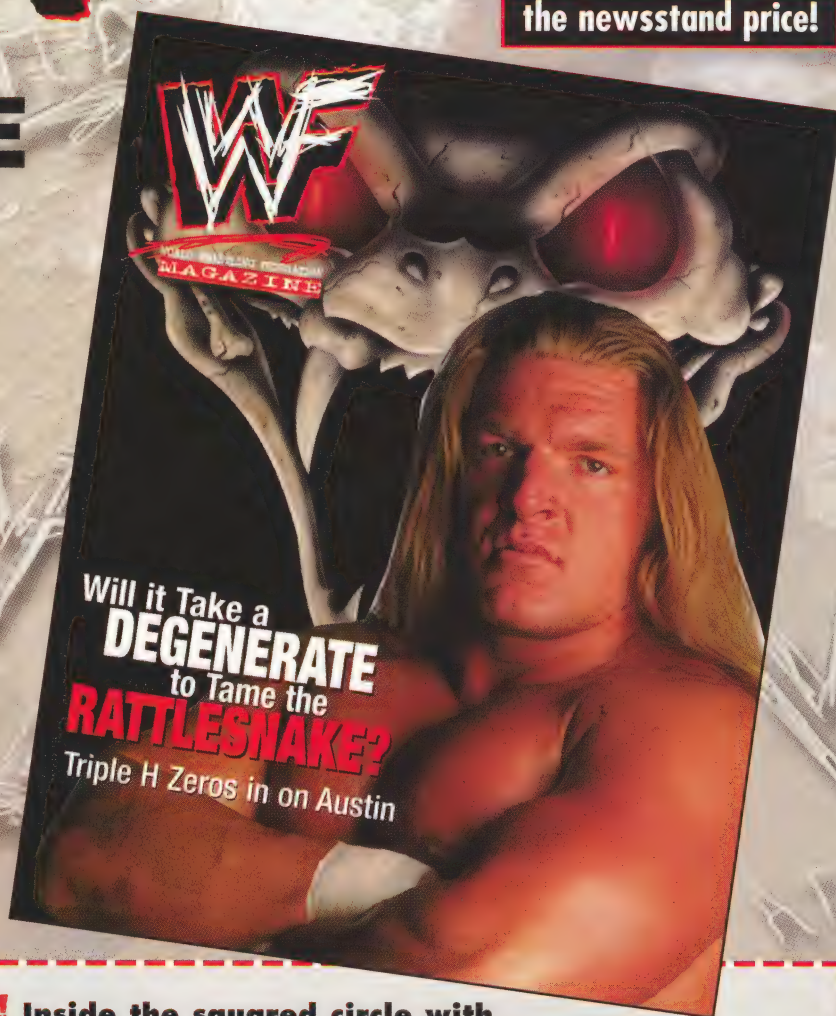
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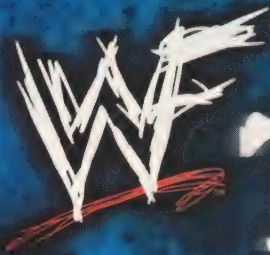
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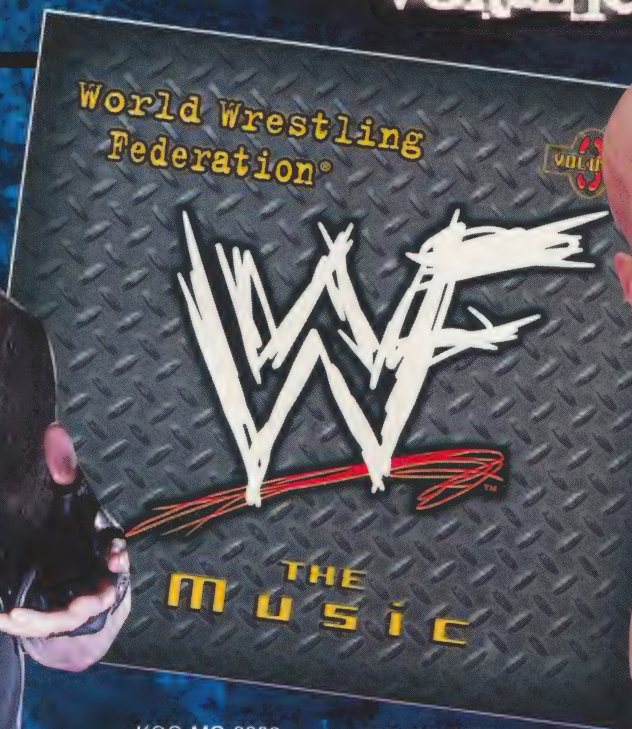
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BARRED FROM the BACK

The INFORMER's got women on his mind this month! It seems that we are all under the spell of a group of females who know they got the GOODS and the know-how to make us weak in the knees... Who is the 800-POUND GORILLA behind the scenes in the Federation? The INFORMER knows and you would be shocked if I told you HER name!... When push comes to shove, D'Lo and "Sexual Chocolate" may make IVORY regret her decisions of late. Sure, they've had their problems along the way and DEBRA is the cause, but the former European Champion and "Sexual Chocolate" are still tight. Will revenge be sweet for the fellas? You'd Better Recognize!... Even I, the INFORMER, am shocked by this one! Could KANE be in LOVE? Rumor has it that the Big Red Machine is actually being courted! Are we looking at the BEAUTY AND THE BEAST?!... It's all about opportunity for CHYNA. Think she and TRIPLE H are 4-LIFE? To quote my favorite stooge, "PULLEEASSE!" If Hunter doesn't get the job done, who's to say that the Ninth Wonder of the World won't acquire someone new? And how long before VINNIE MAC starts to wonder where the GOLD that CHYNA was supposed to deliver is?... Is TORI obsessing about someone else now? We know how dangerous she can be and her next target could be brought to his knees if he's not careful, if you SMELL

WHAT THE INFORMER IS COOKIN'!... RYAN tried to reconcile the night before WRESTLEMANIA with her big brother KEN SHAMROCK, but to no avail. It's sad when a family member sees you as dead in their eyes... Speaking of which, is PMS ready to bring another mean sister on board, like the WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS SISTER! Stay tuned!... Is MR. ASS looking for a piece of CANDY?... There is a woman banging on the World Wrestling Federation door wanting to be let in, but a CRIMINAL PAST may prevent this TOUGH WOMAN from coming in!... Did PETA WILSON stand up VAL VENIS during the shooting of the Big Valbowski's debut on LA FEMME NIKITA? The star of the show allegedly left VAL hanging, dissing him on a dinner date. Maybe VENIS has finally found his match?... Is the most downloaded celebrity on the Internet bound for the Federation? If the rumors are true, don't be surprised if CINDY MARGOLIS turns up on RAW very soon, if it hasn't happened already!... LUNA wants to leave a legacy in the World Wrestling Federation when she hangs 'em up. Rumor has it that she is working diligently on the creation of the WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME. Speaking of creation, is she also offering herself up to the CREATOR? Look for a major CONVERSION from her soon!... There is only one woman on the roster CHYNA would face in the ring. Will we see that match ever? How about SUM-

MERSLAM?... Look for a woman to take on AL SNOW in a HARD-CORE MATCH before the year's over!... The rumor mill and gossip line is chock full o' stuff on the ladies! Their impact on the Federation can be measured by television exposure. Look for more of the women on a major network hopefully soon!... Until next time... this has been... the INFORMER...WF



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Groovy, Baby!

The World Wrestling Federation Takes Over "That '70s Show!"

On February 7, some World Wrestling Federation Superstars were able to turn back the clock when they appeared on Fox Network's hit series, *That '70s Show!* The Rock, Ken Shamrock and the Hardy Boyz made it seem as though the "hippy era" had returned for real, as they sported hairstyles and threads right out of the 1970s!

Portraying his own father, former World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Champion Rocky Johnson, The Rock had a great time doing what The Rock does best—"entertaining the millions and millions of The Rock's fans around the world."

A number of the actors and actresses from *That '70s Show*, including Ashton Kutcher, Laura Prepon and Mila Kunis, were backstage at January's *Royal Rumble*, enjoying one of the greatest Pay-Per-View spectacles of all time. In the February 7 episode of *That '70s Show* entitled "That Wrestling Show", Ashton's character (Eric Forman) is a huge World Wrestling Federation fan who takes his father to a live event when the "big time" comes to town. By the time the final bell sounds, Red Forman is more of a fanatic than his son!

According to many of the young stars of *That '70s Show*, the World Wrestling Federation Superstars did a great job in their roles while making the set an amazing atmosphere to hang around for a few days. All agreed that the

athleticism their World Wrestling Federation co-stars display in the ring is nothing less than amazing. Awed by the aerial artistry and

pure power of The Rock, Ken Shamrock

and the Hardy Boyz, the '70s cast

all had a great time just watching

the superstars perform in the

squared circle.

The sports portion of the

superstars' abilities may have

been showcased in the ring,

but they also had to show

off their entertaining side.

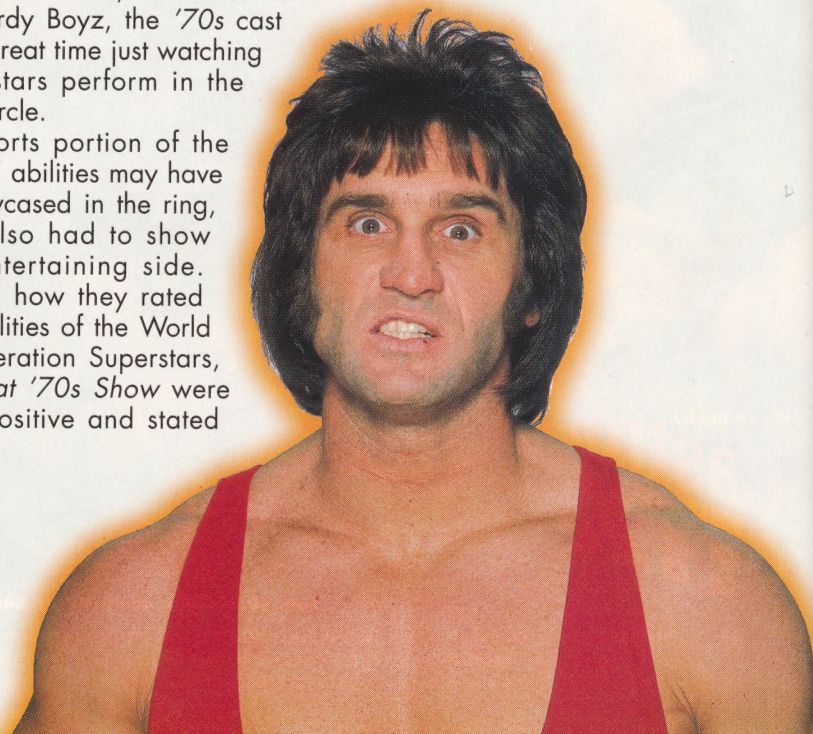
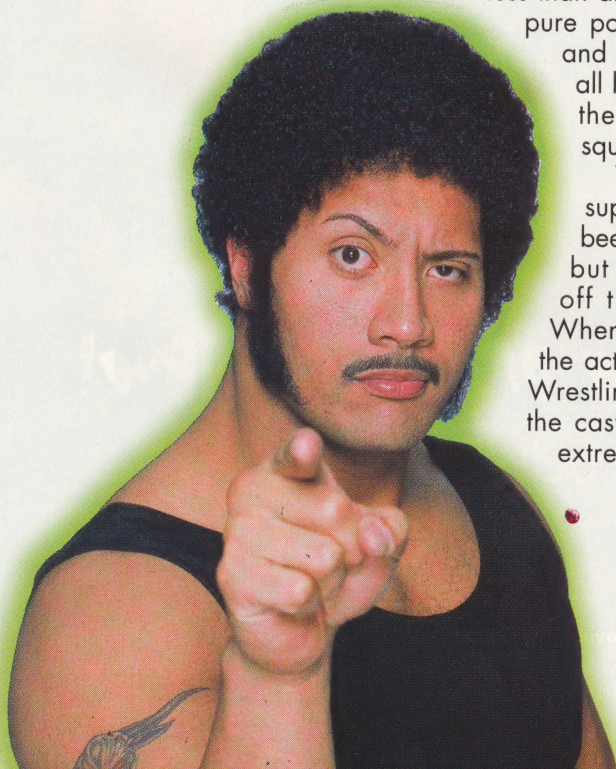
When asked how they rated

the acting abilities of the World

Wrestling Federation Superstars,

the cast of *That '70s Show* were

extremely positive and stated





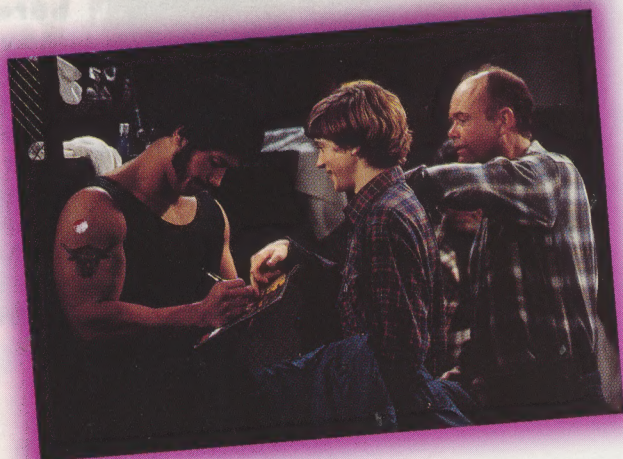
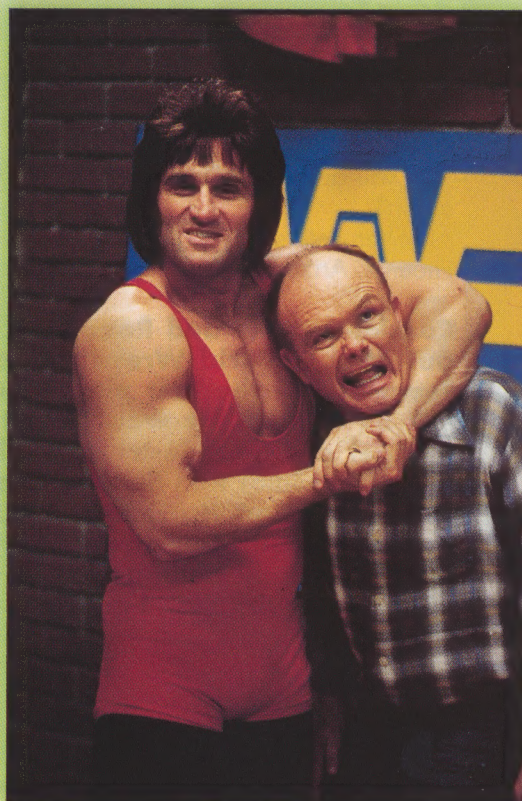
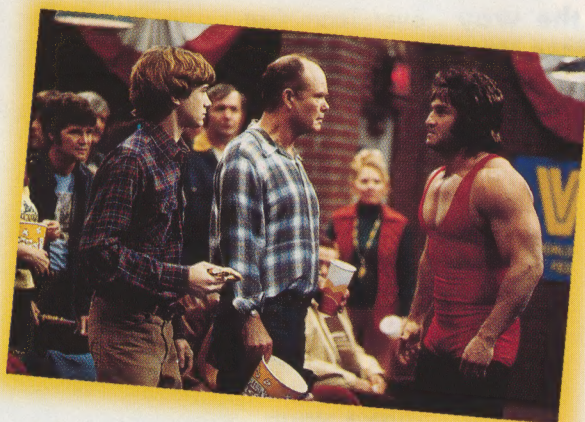
that they were pleasantly surprised at what naturally gifted thespians The Rock, Ken Shamrock and the Hardy Boyz proved to be.

For a young duo still relatively new to the "big time", the Hardy Boyz' experience had to have been phenomenal! Matt told me doing *That '70s Show* was "great."

"Going to Hollywood to do something like that was awesome!" he said.

It wasn't just one big party though. The Rock explained, "The Rock has a new-found respect for what these [actors and actresses] do. They put in a lot of hard work each and every day."

As seen on the Fox Network this past February 7, everyone involved in the production of "That Wrestling Show" put in a lot of hard work and an amazing effort to make it an unforgettable night of television! *WF*



? PIN EM DOWN

Dear "B.A." Billy Gunn

Will you and Road Dog ever go after the tag team title again?

Alex Van Peterson
Phoenix, Arizona

Considering me and Road Dog were cheated out of the World Wrestling Federation Tag Team title in the first place, the gold should still be around our waists right now. While I did get a little side-tracked along the way when that idiot Ken Shamrock and Jesse won the Federation Hardcore Title, that doesn't mean the Outlaws aren't gonna get back what rightfully belongs to them! And if you ain't down with that, I got two words for ya—S*CK IT!

Dear Debra,

When will you give us a free shot?

P.S. Let it be soon!

Shawn Hall
Robinson Creek, Kentucky

Federation Tag Team belts around Jeff and Owen's waists!

Dear The Rock,

Are you going to try to take over Team Corporate like you once did with the Nation?

Jeffrey Vin
Hardyville,
Virginia

You know what, Jeffrey, The Rock is gonna make your candy ass famous by responding

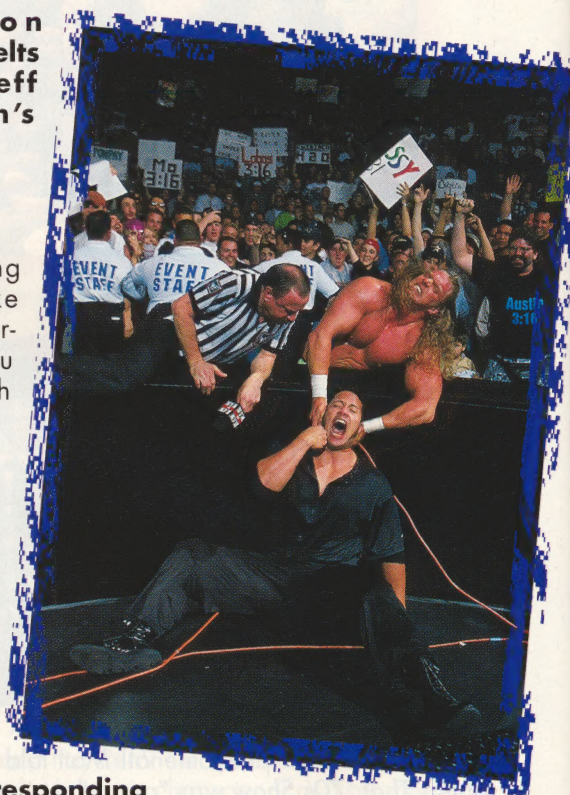
to your rootie-poo letter. How dare you accuse THE most ELECTRIFYING superstar in the world of plotting to take over Team Corporate? Why, Vince McMahon already knows that The Rock is the crown jewel of his company! From Ho Chi Minh City to Timbuktu, all eyes are on the Great One! Why would Vince want to screw up the best thing going for his company?

Dear Triple H,

How do you get ready for your matches?

Brent Denmar
Chicago, Illinois

First of all, Brent, I think of Chyna and that really gets my blood boiling. Second, I think about all the times Vince McMahon has screwed me in the past, and that just makes me think more about Chyna! I remember how she always tried to be like the rest of the boys, but could never grow a set of her own. Then, I remember how I brought her ungrateful @\$ to the big game... and what she did to me in return! At that point, I'm usually kickin' my opponents' teeth down their throats! *WF*



My, Shawn—what a filthy mind you have! If you want a free shot of me, all you have to do is watch RAW every Monday night. After all, you never know when I might decide to bare all. Maybe I will and maybe I won't! But you can be sure that whatever

I decide to do, it's gonna be to keep those nice, shiny World Wrestling





Oh my! the "REFRESHER" has just
entered the ring! Look how he
COOOOLS the crowd!!!

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